WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to strong westerly and northerly winds, partly cloudy and colder, with occasional sleet or rain.

Lower Mainland—Westerly winds, partly cloudy and colder, with occasional rain or snow.

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REPLY TO WILSON NOTE STILL IN PREPARATION

Entente's Document Undergoing Modification and Not Likely to Be Published for Several Days.

Expected to Indicate Definitely Only Ground on Which Allies Would Negotiate With Central Powers.

Count Andrassy Makes Statement That Terms of Latter Have Already Been Made Known to President.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Reuter's Telegram Company tonight publishes the following concerning the reply of the Entente Allies to President Wilson's recent note suggesting that the belligerents state their terms for peace: "The document is still undergoing slight modification of the draft, and will not be published until a day or two after it is in the hands of the President.

"The note will be more positive than the reply to Germany, and is expected to indicate in more precise fashion the only preliminaries upon which the Allies are prepared to negotiate. In again going over the ground of the responsibility for the war it is likely that the Allies will emphasize the only possible terms for peace, thus contrasting sharply with the German note, which purposely was of a negative character.

Terms Stated to President

President Wilson now knows the peace conditions of the Teutonic Allies, and the Entente Powers can learn what they are from him, Count Julius Andrassy, formerly premier of Hungary, is quoted as saying in a dispatch from Budapest forwarded to the Central News Agency by way of Amsterdam.

The statement attributed to Count Andrassy was made in a New Year's speech. He said:

"As the Entente alleges that our peace proposal was only a manoeuvre and was not made with any earnest desire to bring about peace, I am able to declare that President Wilson now knows our peace conditions, and the Entente can learn them from that source."

It is reported from Berlin that Germany will shortly issue an explanatory note to the neutral powers in connection with certain statements in the Entente Allies' reply to the German peace proposals, says a dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam.

Allies' Statement Necessary

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Daily News, analyzing the comments in the German newspapers on the Entente reply, and citing reports of the sufferings of the people of the Central Powers, sees indications that the Central Powers do not regard the prospect of negotiations as ended, and comes to the conclusion that the time is fast approaching when they must have peace at any cost. It finds confirmation of this in Count Andrassy's statement, and says: "Whatever the motives for the decision of the Central Powers to submit their peace terms to President Wilson, it becomes more imperative for the Allies to make a clear, full and temperate statement of their terms in their reply to the President."

Will Not Accept

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 3.—The Frankfurter Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, discussing "peace terms which Germany will not accept," says:

"If peace terms are concluded today, the Entente Allies must renounce all their plans for conquest, and Russia must give up her idea of conquering Constantinople, the Balkans, Galicia and the portions of Prussia inhabited by Poles. France must renounce Alsace-Lorraine, and Serbia must give up the idea of taking over the southeastern part of Austria-Hungary. The Entente Powers must agree to furnish certain guarantees and make certain frontier rectifications on behalf of Germany and her allies, especially in the East and Southeast. Great Britain must, perhaps, even grant freedom of the seas."

The newspaper adds that after such a peace, or perhaps before its conclusion, the Entente would be badly rent and the whole system on which the European policy has been built for the last twelve years would collapse.

Releasing Big Army

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Estimates of the number of men who will be made available for military service when the system of substitution for munitions works and essential industries is in force vary from 3,500,000 to 4,000,000. At the same time the output of military necessaries will be increased far out of proportion to any anticipated demands.

Greek Minister Resigns

HAVRE, France, Jan. 3.—Spyridon Levidis, the Greek Minister to the Belgian Government, has resigned, the Minister not being in agreement with King Constantine's policy.

Brantford Matron Honored

BRANTFORD, Ont., Jan 3.—Official announcement was made here yesterday that the Royal Red Cross of the first class has been awarded to Matron A. J. Hartley, of this city, now in the 4th Canadian General Hospital at Salonica.

Only Artillery Activity

ROME, Jan. 3.—Today's official statement reads: "There was the usual reciprocal artillery activity along the whole front. There was nothing of importance to report."

Death of Col. Fym

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Lieut.-Col. J. E. Fym, Royal Marines, formerly inspector of small arms in Canada, is dead.

PIRATES' CAMPAIGN

British, French, Norwegian and Swedish Vessels Sunk—Some Men Missing

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Lloyd's announces that the Norwegian steamer Britannic, 2,289 tons, has been torpedoed. Her crew were landed. The shipping agency also announces that the British steamer Bay Craig, 2,404 tons, and the Norwegian steamer Ellik, 587 tons, have been sunk. The crew of the Ellik were saved.

Lloyd's announces that the British steamship Hollybranch, of 3,565 tons gross; the Norwegian steamship Eric, the French sailing ship Aconcagua, 1,813 tons, and the Swedish steamer Goosebridge, 1,854 tons, have been sunk.

CANADIAN PUNISHED

Pte. W. Brooke, of Ottawa, Sentenced by German Authorities to Twelve Years' Imprisonment

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—A sentence of 12 years' imprisonment has been passed on Pte. W. Brooke, an Ottawa boy, by the German military authorities. It is believed that Pte. Brooke refused to make munitions which would be used against the Allies. The charge he was found guilty of was mutiny.

Apparently stricter regulations are made as to prisoners in the German camps writing home. The relatives of several Ottawa soldiers who previously received letters regularly, as well as cards of acknowledgment frequently in the last few months, have received only a very few regulation cards. These have been from four to six weeks apart.

Major Anderson Gets D.S.O.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3—Major W. B. Anderson, who for some time was general staff officer, with headquarters in Montreal, has been awarded the D.S.O. Major Anderson is a son of Lieut.-Col. Anderson, chief engineer of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

GET SURGEONS FROM AMERICA

Plan Adopted to Release Young Medical Men Who Wish to Join Army From Service in British Hospitals.

LONDON, Jan. 3—According to The Daily Telegraph, arrangements are being made to replace a number of young surgeons in British hospitals, allowing Britishers to enter the army. There are hundreds of doctors of military age in home hospitals who wish to join the army, says The Telegraph, but hitherto have been denied the honor owing to the lack of substitutes.

With a view to meeting the difficulty, The Daily Telegraph continues, the army authorities some time ago inquired of the medical authorities in the United States whether they could send to England detachments of young American doctors.

Hundreds of young doctors in the United States, according to The Telegraph, have volunteered to serve in the British armies, but could not receive commissions because they are not British practitioners. There is no barrier, however, to their practising in Great Britain, says the newspaper, and they are exactly the material required to fill the places of English doctors who desire to go to the front. The newspaper does not say how many Americans are likely to come, but asserts that they "may not run into many hundreds."

It adds, however, that those who do come will be welcomed.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Names of Canadian Officers Who Have Been Transferred Announced in Gazette

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The official Gazette announces appointments on the personal staff of the following as aides:

Lieut. H. L. Featherstonhaugh, Canadian artillery, vice Lieut. H. F. Bray, Canadian general list.

Capt. H. W. Walker, Canadian infantry, appointed to the staff in the third grade.

Capt. T. M. Papineau, M. C., formerly of the Princess Patricias, vice Major A. D. Cameron, of the Strathcona Horse.

Attached to headquarters units: Staff-Captain H. MacWallis, Canadian infantry, vice Capt. C. G. McDonald, of the general list.

DILUTION OF LIQUOR

Central Control Board in Britain Orders Reduction to Thirty Degrees Under Proof

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The central control board of liquor traffic has made an order which comes into force February 1 further reducing the strength of spirits to 30 degrees under proof.

An official of the central board explains that the chief object of the new restriction is to get increased efficiency from all classes of people now on war service. Another reason was the Ministry of Munitions' requirement of an immense quantity of alcohol for war purposes. The official added that it is calculated there will be a famine in whiskey in five years' time, and the more whiskey is diluted the longer it will be possible to have stocks in reserve.

Party Reaches St. John

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 3.—A military party of 251 men, made up of officers, N.C.O.'s and privates, wounded or invalided or on leave of absence, arrived here tonight from England. The civilian passenger list of the vessel which brought them was small. The liner also carried 2,000 bags of overseas mail and eight bags of parcels post.

MEDICAL SERVICE INQUIRY

Sifting of Allegations Much Commended in England—Dr. Bruce's Resignation

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Reports of the Baptie enquiry did not appear in the English papers until today. Sir George Perley very properly deeming it fitting that the Canadian public should have the first intimation of its findings. Sir George Perley's resolution to have these allegations against the medical service sifted by an independent body is much commended, incidentally.

Responsible observers rather regret the question of so-called segregation of Canadians being discussed so heatedly in the English press. Much of what appeared here was obviously ill-informed.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—"A sequel to the report of the enquiry and the abolition of the office of inspector-general," The Gazette's correspondent in London cables, "is that Dr. Bruce has tendered his resignation to the medical services. This has not been accepted. In fact, an important hospital appointment has been offered him. The military authorities seem anxious to retain his services in some capacity."

Recruiting in Montreal District

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—A total of 1,070 officers and 29,440 men has been recruited in the Montreal district since the war began. These figures are based on the recruiting up to December 15 last. Probably an additional 300 have been taken on since the middle of last month.

ARTILLERY FIRE NEVER CEASES

Heavy Bombardments on Various Parts of Western Front No Infantry Actions Are Reported.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The British official communication tonight says: "In the neighborhood of Souches on the southern half of the Ypres salient the enemy's artillery was very active during the morning. Elsewhere there was intermittent artillery activity by both sides."

Belgian Fire Effective

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Tonight's official statement reads: "The usual cannonading occurred at various points along the front." The Belgian statement reads: "A violent artillery action occurred in the region of Steenstraete this afternoon. Our batteries seriously damaged German positions. There was the ordinary activity on the rest of the front.

"The artillery was rather active north and south of the Somme in the regions of Rouvroy and of Verdun, around Deadman Hill and Beson Vaux, and also in the Champagne," says today's communication from the War Office. "Our patrols were very active and brought in prisoners."

NATIONAL SERVICE CARDS

Constant Stream From Nearer Points Flowing Into Ottawa—Too Early to Hear From West

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—The National Service Commission is being flooded with tens of thousands of cards containing the replies to questions being asked this week of all male Canadians. It is too early yet to determine how general has been the response to the cards, but they appear to be coming in freely from all parts of Eastern Canada, and as far as Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Those from the far distant points, it is expected, will commence to arrive in volume tomorrow.

The collection of cards in the larger towns and cities is unavoidably slow, and as a result the work will probably take much longer than was estimated. The cards are distributed by the postman, and in many cases he is obliged to explain to the householder just what is to be done with the cards. This takes up a lot of time, and as a result one postman is able to deliver a comparatively small number each day.

COMMENT FROM AUSTRIAN PRESS

Reply of Entente Allies Held to Be Refusal of Peace Offer—Only Response on Battlefield —Assert Offer in Good Faith.

VIENNA, Jan. 3.—The Austrian and Hungarian press almost without exception considers the reply of the Entente Allies to the peace proposals of the Teutonic allies as a definite refusal of their offer. The editorials assert that the offer of peace was made in good faith and the Entente had no right to label it as a war manoeuvre so long as the Entente has not ascertained by suitable means that the offer lacked good faith.

The Vienna Tageblatt and The Neue Freie Presse, two of Austria's strongest papers, point out that the Entente note merits no other recognition than that possible on the battlefield, which view is shared by The Fester Lloyd and The Az Est, of Budapest, the most influential Hungarian papers.

The Vienna Abendblatt and several other newspapers assert that the note is an English product, to which the other governments gave their consent and that the blood spilled hereafter will be on the heads of the Entente.

German Prince Killed

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 3.—Berlin newspapers today announce the death of Prince Friedrich Zu Fuerstenberg, who was killed on the battlefront in Roumania. Prince Friedrich was born at Donaueschingen, in Baden, April 27, 1898. He was the third son of Prince Maximillian Egon Zu Fuerstenberg, the head of the Fuerstenberg house, which is one of the most prominent in Germany.

FEW CANADIAN SUPPLIES LOST

Case of Steamer Palermo Emphasizes Fact That Great Number of Men and Much Material Have Crossed Safely

SHIPMENT OF SHIRTS ON ITALIAN VESSEL

Three Hundred Thousand Soldiers, Immense Number of Shells and Large Quantities of Foodstuffs Sent.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—News has reached the Trade and Commerce Department to the effect that in the sinking of the steamer Palermo some weeks ago in the Mediterranean there went down a consignment of Canadian shirts which had been manufactured to the order of the Italian Government in this country. Under contracts made over a year ago about 1,000,000 shirts have been supplied by Canada to Italy.

The loss of this shipment, however, serves chiefly to bring to light the fact that Canada has been extremely fortunate as regards the transportation of supplies overseas. It is on record that some 300,000 Canadian soldiers have been sent across the ocean without the loss of a single life, and the depredations of German submarines have had almost as little effect on the transport of material.

Eleven million bushels of Canadian wheat out of the 15,000,000 bushels commandeered over a year ago by the Government for the purpose have been shipped to Italy. Every bushel has reached its destination.

Millions of dollars' worth of shells have been sent overseas from the Dominion and, although Germany has perhaps been in a position to acknowledge the receipt of most of them, it was after they were fired. There is, of course, a scarcity of tonnage, and at the present time it has become rather acute, but this is not felt in the shipment of war munitions, arrangements for which are made by the Imperial authorities.

DENIES TRICKERY BY GOVERNMENT

Mr. Watters, President of Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, Condemns Action of Winnipeg Trades Council.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3—That there had been no "trickery" on behalf of the Government as regards its statement to the Labor men of the purpose of the National Service plan, and that the behavior of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council in repudiating the action of the executive congress regarding registration was inexplicable, was the statement made tonight by J. C. Watters, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress.

Mr. Watters stated that he had received a copy of the resolution passed by the Winnipeg labor body, urging that the registration cards be not signed, and expressing the belief that the congress had been tricked by the Government. He had dispatched a suitable reply.

"In so far as I am concerned," said Mr. Watters, "there has been no trickery on the part of the Government, and I cannot understand the action of the Trades Council of Winnipeg. They seemed to have jumped to conclusions from the press reports, which are not accurate. Today I saw the Prime Minister, and he pointed out that he had said nothing that could be rightly construed in the manner it had been. The Prime Minister said that the assurance he had given to the Trades Congress to the effect that registration had no connection with, and was not intended to lead to conscription, was still his attitude in the matter. The Winnipeg Trades Council's action is not only inexplicable, but deplorable."

Taking Over Linen Yarn

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Government announces its intention to take possession of all stocks of linen yarns in the United Kingdom. The effect of the order is to prohibit the sale of these yarns without licence for other than Government purposes. Should it become necessary to restrict the use of flax suitable for Government purposes the necessary measures will be taken. A census of all the wool and wool products in the United Kingdom is being taken.

"Truth" on War Conference

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Discussing the Imperial war conference, Truth today recalls that the Prime Minister's idea for settling the Irish situation was to hang on the scheme of Imperial federation. Truth remarks that the conference as advertised "marks a fresh step towards subversion of the Government of this realm. It may possibly have results justifying the admiration of The Times and such like organs, but it seems that the British Constitution is a thing of the past when the 'long parliament' was ejected, if it is to be a thing of the future we ought at least to understand what is happening."

To Attend Session

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Canadian members of Parliament serving in France and England have been granted special leave to attend a "very important session, opening January 15."

CANADIANS MENTIONED

Names of Officers Serving With Imperial Forces Appear in Dispatches —Two Are Dead

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The following Canadians, serving with the imperial forces, have been mentioned in dispatches:

Lieut. H. S. Wingard, South Wales Borderers, formerly a journalist in Canada, and who came to England in the first Canadian contingent, and who was killed.

Capt. R. W. Fisher, orthumberland Fusiliers, formerly in the Alberta Dragoons, killed.

Lieut. John Logan, Royal Scots, wounded at the Dardanelles, who came to England from Canada, and who has served in France since the evacuation of the Gallipoli peninsula.

VERITE NOT TORPEDOED

French Ministry of Marine Describes as Absolutely False Report Concerning Battleship

PARIS, Jan. 3.—The Ministry of Marine says the report that the French battleship Verite has been torpedoed by a German submarine near Malta is absolutely false.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—A dispatch to the Zurich Post from Milan reports that the French battleship Verite has been torpedoed by a German submarine near Malta, says an Overseas News Agency announcement today. The Verite, badly damaged, is lying near the port of Malta, the dispatch adds.

ARMY SCANDAL IS VENTILATED

Mrs. Cornwallis-West, Who Boasted of Having Strong Influence at War Office, Censured by Board of Inquiry.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—An army scandal involving the exercise of influence over high officers by a prominent society woman is described in the report of a court of inquiry tonight, and Mrs. Cornwallis-West, wife of Col. Cornwallis-West, and mother of the Princess of Pless and the Duchess of Westminster, is officially severely censured.

The late Sir Arthur Basil Markham, Liberal member of Parliament for the Mansfield Division of Nottinghamshire, who died last August, demanded an inquiry in the House of Commons into this matter, and was seconded by Irish members, who declared that a young Irish officer's honor was involved. It has since developed that the officer was Lieut. Patrick Barrett, of the Welsh Fusiliers. According to a statement in the House before recess he was completely exonerated.

Barrett was a sergeant in the Welsh Fusiliers. He was recommended for a commission late in 1915, and his claim was supported by Col. and Mrs. Cornwallis-West and several prominent civilians.

"Probably before this time, and certainly later," says the report, "Mrs. Cornwallis-West began to take more than an ordinary interest in Mr. Barrett, to which he consistently failed to respond. Eventually he wrote her on February last a letter of remonstrance, which she placed in the hands of his commanding officer."

Barrett was severely censured by his commander without the opportunity of stating his case. Soon after that he was transferred to another battalion on the demand of Mrs. Cornwallis-West.

Conduct Discreditable

The court of inquiry reports regarding Mrs. Cornwallis-West:

"We have no doubt that her injudicious boasting of the power she wielded at the War Office—which was confirmed to an appreciable extent by the wording of some of Sir John Cowan's letters—was calculated to bring the administration of the War Office into disrepute. We feel obliged to record our opinion that this lady's conduct, as revealed in this case, has been highly discreditable, both in her behavior towards Lieut. Barrett before his letter of the fourteenth of February, in her vindictive attempts to injure him afterward and in the untruthful evidence she gave before us.

"It appeared in the evidence that this lady holds positions of some importance in the County of Denbighshire in various associations of a public character for assisting in war work. In our opinion it is to be regretted that she should hold such positions."

General Thomas

The court also investigated reports that General Thomas, who took a prominent part in recruiting in Wales, was transferred from the command of a Welsh brigade to a lesser command through Mrs. Cornwallis-West's influence. These proved to be unfounded, but were due "to an unfortunate sequence of events and the ambiguous wording of certain official letters."

Regret is expressed that a letter sent by Lord French to the War Office was so ambiguously worded as to be capable of misconstruction. In any case, a portion of the letter was in the nature of an adverse report on Brig.-Gen. Owen Thomas, and should have been communicated to that officer at the time. It is also regarded as unfortunate that Lord French should have concurred in the terms of the War Office letter of July 29 to Brig.-Gen. Thomas, which letter must have confirmed the latter's suspicion of sinister influence.

Two Zeppelins Burned

LONDON, Jan. 4—Two Zeppelins have been destroyed at Tondern, Schleswig, by a fire, due to defective electric wiring in a recently constructed double shed, says a Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen, quoting the Ribe, Jutland, Stifts Tidende.

Eleven Killed in Train Wreck

EDINBURGH, Jan. 3—Eleven persons were killed and forty injured today when a train loaded with persons returning to Edinburgh after the New Year's holiday collided with a switch engine ten miles outside the city

NEARLY ALL OF DOBRUDJA NOW IS IN ENEMY'S HANDS

NO COAL FOR NORWAY

Prohibition of Export From Britain Thought Due to Non-Fulfilment of Agreement

CHRISTIANIA, Jan. 3.—Only the British legation here and the Norwegian fishing steamers which supply fish to England are exempted from the British Government's prohibition against the export of coal to Norway.

Dissatisfaction with Norway's method of exporting ore and fish from this country and her failure to fulfill certain other provisions of the agreement with Great Britain are said to be responsible for the British Government's action.

ANGER AT BUDAPEST

Foreign Office at Vienna Blamed for Diplomatic Disappointment—Delay of Wilson Note

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A Milan dispatch to The Daily Telegraph says:

"The impression made in Vienna and Budapest by the Allied note may be judged from the latest newspaper comments, which anticipated the defeat of German and Austrian diplomacy. The Budapest papers are disposed to accuse the Vienna Foreign Office as being responsible for their disappointment.

"Az Est makes a furious onslaught, based on the delay in publishing President Wilson's note in Vienna, where it did not appear till four days after it was printed in the German papers.

"Thus the American peace note, it says, which interested 50,000,000 people, could be read by them in the papers from Berlin before the press of Vienna, thanks to the supine negligence of the Foreign Office and opposition of the censorship, was allowed to publish it."

GERMAN METHOD OF PROPAGANDA

Untruthful Report Sent Out Concerning Bombardment at Drama by British Airmen —Correction by Admiralty.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A British Admiralty statement today quotes the German wireless reports as stating that the American Government is sending a protest to Great Britain against the bombardment of Drama, in Macedonia, by British airmen after consuls and officials of the Central Powers had been ejected from Athens and had left for their destination, the airmen knowing these officials had to be met at the Drama station.

The Admiralty in commenting upon this, says German propagandist methods are thus admirably illustrated.

The Admiralty also publishes the Vice-Admiral's report to the effect that the request of the German minister that the Drama-Kavala road should not be bombarded while women and children were passing over it on November 25 was acceded to, and that no bombing was done until November 28, except the bombing of the Drama aerodrome only on November 25 before a message was received by the airmen from the German minister, who was one of the party ejected from Athens.

RECRUITING IN 1916

Enlistments in Canada for Overseas Service Placed at 178,527— Slackness in December

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—During the year just past there were recruited in Canada 178,527 men for overseas service. Despite the very considerable falling off in recruiting during the past six months, the year 1916 provided almost half of the total of 383,955 recruited since the war commenced. There was a normal falling off during the month of December, when the total number of recruits was only 5,791, as against 6,548 for the previous month.

Militia officials here point out that the last fortnight of December is always a slack period for recruits, and the fact that only 2,517 men were recruited during that fortnight did not create any surprise. As an indication of the decline in recruiting during the later half of the year the figures for the various months are interesting. They are as follows: January, 29,212; February, 26,658; March, 32,819; April, 23,289; May, 15,090; June, 10,796; July, 8675; August, 7,267; September, 6,357; October, 6035; November, 6,548; December, 5,791.

Since the commencement of the war recruiting by district, or order of numbers listed, has been as follows: Toronto, 65,384; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 27,254; Kingston, 41,204; British Columbia, 37,757; Maritime Provinces 34,802; Alberta, 34,517; Montreal, 33,990; London, 31,325; Quebec, 7,729.

During the past fortnight the recruiting by military districts has been: Toronto 487; Kingston, 367; Montreal, 312; Manitoba, 284; British Columbia, 260; Maritime Provinces, 234; Saskatchewan, 207; Alberta, 166; London, 162; Quebec, 38.

It is only since the beginning of November that Saskatchewan has been classified separately as a military district. Since then there have been recruited 764 men in that province.

Condolence from Duke of Connaught

OTTAWA, Jan. 3—In a message of condolence cabled by Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to Mme. T. Chase Casgrain in her bereavement, the late Postmaster-General is characterized as one of the best sons of Canada. The message reads: "Accept our deepest sympathy in your sad loss. Canada has lost one of her best sons by the death of your husband."

Capture of Town of Matchin, Reported by Berlin, Thought to Practically End Defence of Province by Russians.

Invaders Can Place Guns Within Eight Miles of Braila, Which Seems Likely to Be Taken.

Roumanians and Russians Resisting Stubbornly on Moldavian Frontier — Ground Regained at Some Points.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The capture of Matchin is regarded here as ending the defence of Dobrudja. The Russians held the Matchin bridgehead in order to protect Braila from the rear. Nothing now remains to them except a narrow strip of land between marshes, which carries the highway to Braila. The Germans and Bulgarians are in a position to push their guns within eight miles of Braila, and it is assumed that if the invaders capture the latter town the Russian line west of the Danube will be withdrawn. It is taken for granted that the prolonged resistance to the German advance has enabled the defenders to remove the stores of grain and other materials from Braila.

Attack Russian Lines

PETROGRAD, Jan. 3.—The Russian official communication issued today says:

"Western (Russian) front—Enemy airplanes have displayed considerable activity and dropped bombs at various points. One machine was brought down by our artillery near the village of Ivn, near Vishnevka Lake. The aviators were made prisoners. In the region of Porskai Vulka, southeast of Kovel, our aviators brought down two airplanes. Both were smashed, and the four aviators were killed by the fall.

"In the direction of Zalogev the enemy shelled with a strong artillery fire the villages of Batkuv, Manaiux and Garbuzova, after which his infantry assumed the offensive.

"On the Dniester, in the region of Iezupol, our artillery fire drove away a working party which was preparing entrenchments, and also successfully bombarded Iezupol.

"On the Moldavian frontier the enemy twice assumed the offensive on the sector extending from the village of Kotumba to as far as the valley of the river Sulcha, and south beyond that point, but everywhere was repulsed. In this region we regained a portion of the trenches lost by us yesterday on one of the heights.

Roumanian Rally

"On the Roumanian front the Roumanians are conducting attacks along the Kazino river, eight versts east of the Hungarian frontier. The enemy in the morning attacked the Roumanians east of Sopchan, on the upper reaches of the river Suchitza, but was was beaten back and pursued by cavalry. During the day he resumed his attacks with superior forces, and pressed back the Roumanians to their former positions.

"Under cover of a drumfire bombardment, with shells containing asphyxiating gas, the enemy attacked along the railway southeast of Focani a portion of one of our regiments. Being met with our well directed fire, the enemy hastily retired to his trenches, and did not attempt a further attack.

"One of our rifle regimenis captured by assault the village of Gulianka, southwest of the river Rimnik. The villages of Kiovenna and Maksineni, southeast of the village of Gulianka, were also captured.

"In Dobrudja the enemy throughout the day made a number of attacks in the region of Matchin. He was repulsed and hastily retired.

"Caucasian front—West of Kalkit our troops broke through the Turks' guard and by hand-to-hand fighting captured prisoners and one gun."

German Report

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—The towns of Matchin and Jinilai, in northern Dobrudja, have been captured, it is announced officially.

On the Moldavian front yesterday strong attacks were made by Russo-Roumanian forces. Today's official announcement says the assaults failed with heavy losses to the attackers. The towns of Darsesci and Topesci, as well as several hill positions, were captured by the Teutonic forces.

In the interior of Roumania the Russians and Roumanians have been driven back west and south of Fokshany, and the invaders are now in front of the fortified Russian position. In Dobrudja the Russians are resisting vigorously, but have been driven back further.

Territorial Battalions

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—The Gazette's correspondent in London cables that he understands that new battalions are being formed in England on the territorial basis. Men from the same Canadian districts are being collected from various camps for the purpose. Officers at the front have long urged this, asserting that the men work and fight better when associated together with men of the same locality.

Command for Col. Evans

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—Lieut.-Col. Wm. B. Evans, of Montreal, has been given the command of a Western Ontario battalion, The Gazette's correspondent in London cables. This battalion recently made a very successful raid just after he assumed command.

Director of Personal Service

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Col. H. Kemmis Betty, officer in charge of Canadian records, is gazetted director of overseas personal services.

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CLEMENCEAU APPROVES

Critical French Publicist Finds Answer of Allies Excellent in Form and Substance

PARIS, Jan. 3.—M. Clemenceau so rarely expresses satisfaction with anything that it is worth recording that he finds the reply of the Allies to Germany's note "excellent both in form and in substance."

"When entrusted with the advocacy of the best possible case it is possible to commit only secondary mistakes," he continues. "Even that has been avoided. What was necessary has been said, and said very well without superfluous words.

"It would be a happy complement," M. Clemenceau concluded, "if the Allies' answer to President Wilson were decided upon forthwith."

He expresses the hope that the reply to Germany has enlightened President Wilson as to the Allied aim in the war.

SUPPLIED PARTS OF SUBMARINES

President of Union Iron Works Gives Evidence at Bopp trial as to Contract With British Admiralty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Narration of the building of submarine parts for the British navy by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco was given in the testimony of John A. McGregor, president of the company, at the Bopp trial today. Frans Bopp, German consul general, and his co-defendants called Mr. McGregor to the stand to substantiate the story of Charles C. Crowley, the consulate secret agent, who had claimed he investigated this activity of the Union Iron Works in 1915. It is maintained by the prosecution that Bopp secured Crowley to blow up Entente Allied munitions shipments.

According to Mr. McGregor, a contract for ten submarines to be fully built in San Francisco and sent to a Canadian point in knockdown shape, was entered into in the Fall of 1914. Later, at the request of Secretary of State Bryan, this contract was amended to exclude building hulls and engines. The remaining working parts and fittings were built here, sent to Montreal, and put together in the Spring of 1915 under the direction of J. J. Tynan, vice-president and manager of Charles M. Schwab's San Francisco works.

Assembled at Montreal

Between 80 and 90 skilled workmen went to Montreal from San Francisco and co-operated with Vickers and Company there in assembling the submarines, Mr. McGregor said.

"There was absolutely no secrecy regarding our submarine building activities," asserted Mr. McGregor.

The official added that another order for parts for five or six submarines, to which a shipbuilding concern at Seattle contributed, was later filled. This order was placed with the Union Iron Works by the Electric Boat Co., he said. A lieutenant in the United States navy named Johnston resigned to become inspector for the Electric Boat Company, he added, and went to Russia with the knockdown submarines when they were later shipped from Vancouver, B.C. Mr. McGregor said Lieut. Johnston attended to their assembling in Russia. "There is a small fleet of submarines now in the harbor at Quincy, Mass., built by the Fall River Shipbuilding Corporation. They are held up from delivery because of the Government's request," he concluded.

The morning session finished the cross-examination of Crowley by United States District Attorney John W. Preston.

CONFINED IN ASYLUM

Former Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, Who Eloped With Belgian Tutor, Is Heard From

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A dispatch from Rome to The Daily News says:

"A Florentine woman has discovered the whereabouts of her friend, the former Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, who eloped with Andre Giron, a Belgian, who was the tutor of her five children, in 1902. The Crown Princess, who became the Countess Montignoso after her escapade, was lost track of at the opening of the war.

"It has now been ascertained that when the Germans invaded Belgium they found the Countess convalescing from an operation in a nursing home. She was conveyed to Dresden, where the Saxon King ordered her confined in an asylum for the insane under a fictitious name. The King forbade communication with her friends, but she has now, however, succeeded in sending a letter to Florence.

"Giron left the Countess a year after the elopement. Four years later he married, after which time the Countess lived precariously in various parts of the Continent.

Canadian Sentenced for Robbery

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Driver Wm. Gibson, Canadian Field Artillery, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for being concerned with another soldier, now in custody, in stealing £2 7s. 6d. from a restaurant keeper named Hurst. Gibson and his companion had supper at the restaurant and then moved towards the counter. Hurst was getting them cigarettes when he found himself covered with a revolver held by Gibson's companion, who ordered him to put up his hands. Hurst did so, and Gibson then emptied the till. Hurst was kept covered with the revolver until the men backed out of the door.

New Stop-the-War Idea

LONDON Jan. 3.—The United States Consulate has received from a woman in Detroit, who claims to be a noted spiritualist medium, a communication saying she had a message from the late Queen Victoria for her grandson, King George, asking him to stop the war. She expressed an earnest desire that it be delivered to King George immediately. Consular officials, however, have no such function as transmitting messages from the spiritual world, and the Detroit woman has been advised that the Department of State at Washington handles all diplomatic matters.

Flour Price Raised Again

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—Flour took a steep rise in the Capital today, the wholesale price going from $9.50 to $9.80 a barrel for patents. This increase of thirty cents follows one of 20c a week ago. The increase by millers is said to be the result of increases in wheat prices on the Chicago and other markets yesterday in consequence of the nature of the Allies' reply to the German peace proposals.

Passenger Train Curtailment

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—One of the first results of the suggested curtailment of railway passenger trains, it is said, will be that the C. P. R. and C. N. R. will come to an agreement to run trains on alternate days between Ottawa and Toronto.

Great Northern Shops

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 3.—Extensive additions to the shops of the Great Northern Railroad at Superior, Wis., St. Cloud, Minn., and Great Falls, Mont., involving the expenditure of $1,000,000, was announced by officials of the railroad today.

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—Tonight's list of casualties follows:

Infantry

(Killed in Action)

Pte. D. Gillespie, Slater Valley, Ont.
Pte. G. Thorne, England.
Pte. Jos. Madden, Scranton, Pa.
Pte. J. H. Haul, Redbank, N. B.

(Died of Wounds)

Pte. J. Pack Sherbrooke, Que.
Pte. J. Yanches, Scranton, Pa.

(Previously Reported Dangerously Wounded; Now Died of Wounds)

Pte. T. Gyotoku, Vancouver.

(Died)

Pte. A. Cady, Chatham, N. B.
Pte. T. Betraun, England.

(Missing, Believed Killed)

Pte. F. Sargent, Birchcliffe, Ont.

(Wounded and Missing)

Sergt. Bethune, Scotland.
Pte. —— Goifon, Toronto.

(Missing)

Pte. J. Barratt, France
Pte. Geo. Pert, Scotland.
Pte. B. Chalin, England.
Pte. R. Parovitch, Montenegro.
Pte. W. J. Carter, 309 Michigan St., Victoria, B. C.
Pte. J. A. Mackenzie, Winnipeg.
Pte. R. Conrad, Manila, P.E.I.

(Previously Reported Missing; Now Officially Prisoner)

Cpl. Dan Campbell, Scotland.

(Dangerously Ill)

Pte. H. Sheppard, Toronto.
Pte. T. H. Laity, Port Hammond, B.C.

(Seriously Ill)

Pte. J. L. Leask, Sonya, Ont.
Pte. O. Ginest, Montreal.

(Wounded)

Pte. C. W. Kensella, Scotland.
Pte. A. J. Barrett, Toronto.
Pte. E. G. Printy, Alsask, Sask.
Pte. A. McIntosh, Scotland.
Cpl. A. Cablr, England.
Pte. A. Smith, Grand River, N. S.
Pte. W. York, Smith Falls, Ont.
Pte. F. Johnson, Milltown, Me.
Lieut. G. M. Nickel, Weyburn, Sask.
Pte. A. Smith, Windsor, Ont.
Pte. V. Fradley, England.
Pte. E. W. Walker, England.
Pte. C. W. Hindle, Toronto.
Pte. D. Ferguson, British West Indies.
Pte. R. Henry, Orillia, Ont.
Cpl. H. L. Stewart, Millbrook, Ont.
Pte. J. P. Kirk, Toronto.
Pte. A. N. Cox, England.
Pte. W. Nash, England.
Pte. A. E. Stubbs, England.
Pte. J. Munroe, Scotland.

Artillery

(Killed in Action)

Lieut. C. T. Bowning, England.

(Wounded)

Pte. E. T. Haynes, England.

Services

(Dangerously Ill)

Pte. E. W. Baird, Hamilton, Ont.

(Seriously Ill)

Pte. F. Fordham, England.
Pte. G. L. Green, Winnipeg.
Cpl. C. C. Henderson, Orangeville, Ont.
Pte. Jas. Hopkins, England.

ASYLUM FIRE

Death List at St. Ferdinand de Halifax Is Reduced to Forty-Two—Remains of Heroic Sister Found

ST. FERDINAND DE HALIFAX, Q., Jan. 3—It is likely that the names of the victims of Saturday night's fire in the asylum of the Sisters of Charity here will not be published. As a matter of delicacy, the authorities are averse to giving out the names of any of the victims or of the inmates who were rescued. Those who perished were the worst cases interned in the asylum.

It is now understood that the number of victims was forty-two, and not forty-six as previously reported. The ruins are still smouldering, and are too hot as yet to permit of search being conducted.

Part of the body of Sister Tertius, the heroic nun who gave up her life to save her wards, was found in the debris yesterday, being identified by a metallic crucifix forming a portion of the sister's distinctive garb. The remains of the other victims, it is feared, will never be discovered, as they will be reduced to ashes. Five of the victims were members of Montreal families, and were imbeciles from birth. The others came from other parts of the province.

MONTREAL PAPERS

Suspension of Daily Mail and Evening News Cause Somewhat of Sensation

MONTREAL, Jan. 3—Somewhat of a sensation was caused in newspaper circles this morning when the following announcement appeared in The Montreal Daily Mail at the top of the editorial column:

"This will be the last issue of The Daily Mail under its present control, and the undersigned disclaim responsibility for the further publication of the paper and for everything appearing in it.

"The Evening News will not be issued again under its present ownership and editorship. The difficulties which render this course necessary had their inception in the unexpected and as yet unexplained action of one of the shareholders, who, up to the time of his withdrawal, professed complete satisfaction with their policies of civic reform and independent views on public affairs. The situation culminated a few days ago in a request made for the power of sale of the property to parties whose names were not disclosed."

The announcement goes on to state that the shareholders of the paper had refused to consider a sale until the tramways franchise matter was settled. Then after citing the difficulties of conducting newspapers under war conditions, it says: "But the continuance involved a capital outlay which the company, under the circumstances already alluded to, was unable to furnish."

TORREON CAPTURED

Carranza Troops Defeat Villistas in Two Fierce Engagements and Are Now Pursuing Them

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 3.—Minister of War Obregon announces that the city of Torreon was recaptured by Constitutionalist troops under General Fortunato Maycotte early yesterday morning. The Villistas resisted stubbornly for several hours, but were finally defeated at four o'clock.

From Torreon the Villistas retreated toward Lerdo and Gomez Palacio, where they rallied and made another stand. A fierce engagement took place there. After three hours the bandits were put to flight, closely pursued by government forces.

Official reports place the Villista loss at nearly 300. Large quantities of arms and ammunition also were captured

AGRICULTURE COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Study Will Stimulate Younger Generation to Take Up Rural Pursuits and Increase Production of Farms.

The Victoria School Board last evening approved of the establishment of a department of agriculture in the Victoria High School to give agricultural training to young men and women in the southern part of Vancouver Island.

The course will provide an opportunity for students to take up the study of agriculture in conjunction with other high school studies. Agriculture will be taken as an optional subject with foreign languages. The High School course will count for one year when the student enters the Faculty of Agriculture in the Provincial University.

The matter was brought to the Victoria Board by Mrs. Hutchinson, and Trustees J. L. Brooks, James Owen, George Watson and E. G. Davidson, members of the Saanich School Board. They wanted the course introduced in the Victoria High School so that students from their municipality attending the High School can have the advantage of the instruction.

Mr. J. W. Gibson, Provincial District Inspector of Elementary Agricultural Training, and Mr. W. H. May, Provincial Inspector of Schools, explained the proposal to the Victoria Trustees. Mr. Gibson said that the Government will guarantee the salary of the agriculture teacher for five years. The equipment for the course will cost about $1,000. An acre of ground fenced in will be necessary for experiments.

"In a province like this with 50 per cent of the people living under city conditions, we must look to the cities as well as to the country for our supply of men to take up agricultural pursuits," said Mr. Gibson. "The course proposed would provide two years' work in all branches of agriculture open to boys and girls. We should aim to interest women in agriculture, as it is often the woman who determines whether the family live in the country or the city."

Mr. Gibson explained that the Provincial Department of Education has already arranged to carry on agricultural classes in the high schools at Chilliwack, Armstrong and Vernon and in the superior schools at Cloverdale and Murrayville. At Chilliwack the work has been in progress for a year.

The inauguration of the course in the Victoria High School will be left in the hands of the 1917 School Board to be elected next week. It is likely the course will be opened next Fall.

"Our city educational system here has been too much one-sided and this is our opportunity to make a change," said Trustee Dr. Lewis Hall.

Mrs. Jenkins said the establishment of the course would equalize the opportunities of the younger generation and work for keeping native sons and daughters in the Province to build it up.

TO SPEAK FOR PREMIER

Pall Mall Gazette, Purchased by Sir Henry Dalziel, to Give Mr. Lloyd George's Views

LONDON, Jan. 3.—(By Arthur S. Draper)—A sensation has been created in inner newspaper circles by the purchase of The Pall Mall Gazette, one of the highest class evening journals in London, by Sir Henry Dalziel, proprietor of Reynold's Newspaper and leader of the ginger group, whose influence was so powerful in bringing about the retirement of Premier Asquith and the succession of Lloyd George.

The step definitely marks the acquisition of a powerful newspaper organ by the new premier. Henceforth, it is expected, The Pall Mall Gazette will serve as the mouthpiece for Lloyd George as, in past years, The Westminster Gazette has been the known purveyor of the opinions of Mr. Asquith. The Gazette, in short, will largely represent the views of the new Administration.

The Gazette has had a long line of distinguished editors. W. T. Stead was perhaps the most familiar to America of these eminent journalists. Lord Morley, Lord Milner and J. L. Garvin, now the brilliant editor of The Sunday Observer, have also directed the policies of the paper.

Sir Henry Dalziel, who, it is expected, will assume active control of The Gazette, is widely known for his newspaper connections. He has divided honors with Lord Northcliffe in the recent momentous changes in the British Government.

Santel to Meet Stetcher

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. Jan. 3—Ad Santel, Pacific Coast champion champion heavyweight wrestler, will go on the mat here on February 22 to Joe Stetcher, of Nebraska, it was announced tonight by Frank S. Fuller. The match will go two hours and a half to a decision, as did the Lewis-Santel combat of last night, which resulted in a draw.

Author of Librettos

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Stanislaus Stange, author of the librettos of numerous comic operas, died at his home here in his 55th year.

Death of Dr. Mabie

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Dr. Hamilton Wright Mabie, associate editor of the Outlook, is dead, following a short illness with asthma. He was born at Cold Springs, N.Y., in 1846.

Will Be Welcomed In Ireland

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The greatest satisfaction will be felt in Ireland when it becomes known that the visit of the Duchess of Connaught's Own Irish-Canadian Rangers, which was cancelled unexpectedly some time ago, is likely to take place in the near future. The regiment will get a most cordial reception. Arrangements for the visit and the itinerary are not completed.

A Time for Protest.

America cannot shut her ears to Belgian cries for deliverance and redress and be the America for which our fathers fought. If we continue to look on with mere words of compassion, if we falter and hesitate in the face of a moral wrong almost beyond example, we shall not only do a grievous wrong to humanity, we shall lose our own souls. Speak out, Mr. President; and if speaking out is of no effect; act.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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BERLIN DISPLEASURE

Correspondent's Summing Up of Sentiments Touching Reply of Allies to Conference Proposal

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The Times correspondent at Berlin, Cyril Brown, in a dispatch dated January 1, says:

"A Havas Agency version of the Entente's answer to Germany's peace proposal become known here through bulletins a few hours before the old year died, but it did not spoil Berlin's New Year celebration, nor serve to silence the hope that the new year would see the liquidation of the sorry war business.

"My impression was that the German people did not take the Entente answer very seriously, and that, judging from the advance summary, it was considered anything but a masterful document. In fact, it was considered a rather sorry rhetorical product, considering the time it had taken the Entente to formulate it, and that it was considered most significantly to have dodged Germany's peace proposal, clouding the question 'to enter or not to enter into a preliminary conference, and there exchange concrete peace conditions' by a squid-like squirting of much ink regarding the blame for the war and the violation of Belgium.

"It may be said, however, that the Entente's unfavorable answer comes as no shock or surprise to either the imperial government or to the important bulk of German public opinion. An unfavorable answer had been expected and fully discounted, and perhaps the only surprise was that the Entente had not made a better job of it after taking so long at it."

MR. CHAPAIS MENTIONED

Member of Quebec Legislative Council May Succeed Hon. T. Chase Casgrain

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—Hon. Thomas Chapais, member of the Quebec Legislative Council, is considered in Ottawa to be the most likely man to succeed Hon. T. Chase Casgrain as Postmaster-General. If he accepted the portfolio, he would run in Quebec County, Mr. Casgrain's seat.

Mr. Chapais is a brilliant speaker, a professor of law at Laval University, a writer of note, and stands high on the question of Canada's participation in the war.

HYDRO-RADIAL FIGHT

Ontario Minister and Officers of Commission Still Hope to Win in Contest

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Hon. I. B. Lucas and the officers of the Provincial Hydro-Commission declare that, though Hamilton voted against the hydro-radials, that fact will not necessarily mean holding up the work. It was not intended to start the work till after the war, and now it means that another vote will have to be taken at a later date in Hamilton and the two townships which opposed the by-law.

The Government and the commission will oppose very strongly any attempt on the part of any corporation to try and get approval of plans on the proposed route of the radials, and this is significant, as next Thursday the Canadian Northern Railway are submitting plans to the Minister of Railways at Ottawa for the approval of the route from Thorold to Bronte.

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NEARING POINT OF STARVATION

Population of Central Empires in Wretched Plight—Feeding of Armies Is Hard Problem—Peace Necessary.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Morning Post publishes the following, dated December 26, from its Budapest correspondent:

"Taking for granted that the peace offer of the Central Powers and the efforts of neutrals will fail to bring about a speedy end of the war, the question arises how long the Central Empires will be able to hold out. Setting aside military considerations, and basing one's theory purely on economic grounds, it is evident that we are within measurable distance of the limit of endurance of the much-suffering peoples.

"But supposing, by imposing severe privations on the people, the authorities should succeed in quieting them until the end of June, how is the population—increased, it must be borne in mind, by some 26,000,000 mouths in the occupied regions—to be fed during the months of July and August? For by that time, according to statisticians, not a grain of wheat or maize will be left. Even if the spoils of Roumania should afford some relief, which is a most questionable supposition, there will thus be two months to be bridged over before the earliest crops can be harvested, and in that period starvation on a scale hitherto unknown in the world, save perhaps in India, will present itself.

Even Armies May Starve

"When it comes to that of course peace will have to be made on any terms. The feeding of the army is the main concern of the Central Empires, not that of the population, as may be imagined; yet even this cannot be continued for more than another six months, even allowing for the fact that the Austro-Hungarian forces behind the front are on half rations, and that very soon, in all probability, all the men on the Western front will fare no better. The fact is the time has come when the question of feeding the army even gives rise to the gravest apprehension. Although the peasantry and land owners have been stripped of everything in the way of cereals, the army has not enough food to carry it through the Winter. Local authorities in different districts have petitioned the Government to supply food for distribution among the poor, but the Government can do nothing, for the military authorities are supreme.

"Even if a peace conference were called together tomorrow, peace would probably still be some months off, and it is not at all probable that the blockade would be raised in the meantime, that is to say, while negotiations were in progress.

"Under these circumstances the Central Powers have but a very limited time in which to bring about an undertaking as regards the conference itself. The people are already desperate, and the troops may become desperate as soon as they experience in their own persons the horrors of the present food shortage.

"It is rumored that after his coronation as King of Hungary the new Emperor-King will take the question of peace in hand and go to Berlin to discuss the position with Emperor William. The newspapers express great hopes of his energetic will to attain this end, and if these hopes are well founded, as is generally believed here, some most unexpected events may be in store for the peoples of the Central Powers."

ENTENTE REPLY TO MR. WILSON

It Will Be Definite Enough to Meet Criticism Levelled at Answer to Central Powers —Full Manifesto.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent writes:

"In some press comments cabled from abroad stress is laid on the point that in the document just forwarded to Washington the Allies enlarge on many reasons which oblige them to meet by a stern refusal the German peace proposal, but fail to give a comprehensive idea of what their proposals would be. The reproach is not entirely well founded, as in the note issued on Saturday night is to be found a very clear assertion of the principle of nationalities.

"Moreover, I have reason to believe that when the reply of the Allies to President Wilson is made known, nothing at all will be left of the above criticism. It is understood that the Allies will prove themselves as candid and sincere on the positive as on the negative side of their policy, and that the practical meaning of the principles of nationalities will be explained by them in all its consequences.

"Italy, Roumania and Serbia, all countries having large national territories to redeem, have already been informed what are the aims of the Allied Governments, but instead of the small change we shall have the full coin under the form of a very full manifesto."

WAR UNTIL OCTOBER

Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett Believes There Will Be No Cessation of Hostilities Before That Date

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, the English war correspondent, has arrived here, after spending three months with the French forces on the Somme and at Verdun. He said that the French troops had any amount of ammunition and supplies when he left the front three weeks ago, and the men were in excellent condition and spirits.

"I stick to my original opinion, printed over a year ago," Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett said, "that there will be no cessation of hostilities before October, 1917, if then. Some of the pessimists in high places in England say the war will last another five years, but I cannot conceive how that could be possible."

GLOOMY PICTURE BY VORWAERTS

Socialist Paper Talks Frankly About Germany's Need of Peace — Attacks Prussian Gospel of Force.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A dispatch to The Daily News from Rotterdam says:

"The most significant of all the New Year articles in the German press is that of Vorwaerts, entitled 'Peace Year —1917.' It gives an amazingly frank picture of Germany's internal position, attacks the Prussian gospel of force, and declares that the task for the future is to find the road from war socialism to peace socialism. Admitting that it requires courage to describe 1917 as the peace year, the paper says:

"'Already mortally wounded, the beast of war roars aloud once more. His death agony will perhaps last for months, and we shall have to carry on the struggle, but it must be in a double sense a struggle in defence against the enemy and a struggle for peace.

"There can be only one more short, final fight, and the year 1917 will be the greatest in the world's history, for it will again bring us peace.'

"It is quite clear that Vorwaerts is really saying that Germany will have to make peace soon. It defies the annexationists and militarists in this declaration:

"Peace must be grounded on recognition that treaty rights are more important than rights of possession. We will want a Germany—not a Germany which by a clumsy militarist policy creates for itself lasting enemies at home and on all sides—but a Germany of peace and friendship. Politicians have neither inwardly nor outwardly the strength to put through their objects. Had they, would it be their pride to bring about the ruin of the Empire?

"'We have learned by suffering, and we do not wish again to call forth this fate, which this time we fended off with stupendous sacrifices. After the revolutions in foreign policy have quieted down then revolutions in economic and home politics will become the centre point of our state consciousness.'

"This is how Vorwaerts pictures the Germany of today:

"'We are an isolated state, whose male population is for the greater part in the economic sense having a holiday. Gold is shut up in the Imperial bank, a stupendous mass of paper money is in circulation the public debt has attained a height which the most fantastic romancer before the war would have shrunk from, our fields have gone dry, building activity is stopped.'"

WANTS TO JOIN UNITED STATES

Governor of Lower California Said to Favor Annexation of His State—Ready to Fight Carranza.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Senor Emiliano Contu, governor of the Mexican State of Lower California, plans to secede his territory from Mexico and apply for annexation to the United States, according to Dr. Edward A. Salisbury, who has arrived here after an 18,000-mile fifteen months' cruise in the yacht Wisdom along the Central and South American coasts. Dr. Salisbury comes back convinced that 90 per cent of the American trade built up in South America will return to British and German merchants at the close of the war.

Another conclusion reached by Dr. Salisbury was that President Wilson's reasonable methods toward the Latin countries have been a flat failure, and that Americans, never held as a nation in very high esteem, are now rated even lower.

Governor Contu, in Lower California, so far has been the only Mexican executive to remain strictly neutral in the Carranza-Villa-Huerta-Madero feuds. He has consistently refused to take sides, and will not contribute to the war chest of any faction. As a result the revenues of his territory, embracing the choicest part of the famous Imperial Valley, go into highway and educational improvements. He has, according to Dr. Salisbury, established a sort of independent suzerainty. This independence—and it is alleged Carranza's desire is to strengthen his position with the wealth of Lower California—has caused the First Chief to inform Contu that unless there is an immediate change of policy a Carranzista army will invade the state and effect one.

That Contu intends to fight Carranza and then seek annexation to the United States was reported to Dr. Salisbury as recently as ten days ago in Los Angeles.

Beware of the Cold Storage Egg! In his work on food and dietetics Doctor Robert Hutchison says, "the absence of carbohydrates prevents eggs from being in any sense a complete food." This refers to the fresh egg—the egg with a clean bill of health. What would Doctor Hutchison say of the modern cold storage egg? At present prices two eggs cost ten cents—and the egg is not a complete food! Something must be eaten with it to supply the needed carbohydrates. **Two Shredded Wheat Biscuits,** with cream or milk, make a complete, perfect meal at a cost of four or five cents. Made in Canada.

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Regular $7.00 Petticoats for..... $5.90
Regular $6.25 Petticoats for..... $5.00
Regular $6.00 Petticoats for..... $4.90
Regular $5.00 Petticoats for..... $3.75
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QUEBEC AND THE WAR

The Colonist is most assuredly not open to the charge that it has been unfriendly to Quebec in its references to the part which its inhabitants have taken in the war. Indeed, such criticisms as have been made of what we have said have been to the effect that we have been too lenient in discussing the attitude of the French Canadians. Several well-informed persons have written to congratulate us upon the correctness of our analysis of the indifference shown by the majority of the people of that Province towards the Empire and towards France, which is in a sense the mother country of the greater part of its population of two millions and upwards. We mention these things because we feel that the time has come to say some things very plainly, and because we think it right that the people of Eastern Canada should be advised of what is the general opinion of the people of the Pacific Coast on a question of vital importance to the solidarity of the Dominion and the proper discharge by Canada of her duty to the Empire.

Quebec has fallen far short of her duty in the existing emergency. There has been ample time for the people of that Province to become advised as to the gravity of the issues at stake in the war, and after making every allowance for considerations which explained, though they could not justify, the indifference of the French-speaking element of the population during the early stages of the war, no excuse can be advanced for its prolonged failure to show an appreciation of what might very reasonably have been expected of it. The understood purpose of the special concessions to the people of Quebec, granted after the conquest of New France by Wolfe, was that thereafter the people treated with such exceptional generosity would remain loyal to the flag to which they acknowledged allegiance. It would be folly to pretend that the spirit of this obligation has been kept. Every exceptional privilege granted by the British Parliament has been faithfully respected by the English-speaking Canada, with the result that this good faith has been made the basis of fresh demands, and there has been set up in the Dominion an imperium in imperio. Sir George Cartier said, and others of his race have repeated, that "the last gun on behalf of British connection would be fired by a French Canadian"; and well might that be, because there is no other flag than the Union Jack under which the privileges of Quebec would be preserved intact. But we are not particularly concerned as to who shall fire the last gun. The question of the day is if there is to be a British Empire and a Union Jack, which shall continue to extend their protection to Quebec as a part of the Dominion. It is high time that more French Canadians fired guns to ensure this vital purpose. Of lip-loyalty there has been sufficient. What the times call for is loyalty expressed in terms of action.

Whatever may be our opinion as to the cause of French Canadian indifference we do not intend to express it, for we are not seeking to advance or attack any theory. The bald facts of the case are all that the people in this part of Canada are concerned with, and the sum and substance of those facts is that the people of Quebec have failed lamentably in their duty. There are more than two and a half millions of Canadians of French origin, and if these people had come forward in anything like the proportion in which the Western Canadians have responded to the call of the Empire, the half million men promised by Canada to the defence of human liberty would long ago have been under arms. If Canada is compelled to resort to conscription, it will be because of the lukewarmness of Quebec. The rest of Canada, which has already done its share, will be forced to make good the deficiency in Quebec's contribution of men.

A few months ago when referring to the observations of some Eastern critics of Quebec in this connection, we said it was timely to remember that after the war we would go on living in Canada with French Canadian neighbors, and now we say that the people of Quebec will do well to remember that after the war they will have to go on living in Canada with English-speaking neighbors, and it will be very unfortunate if the racial problems that may arise shall be embittered by the fact that, when the very existence of the Empire was at stake, the French-speaking Canadians for the most part stood back and permitted others to fight their battles.

We are speaking plainly because the time has come for plain speaking. We are inspired by no fear that the Empire and its Allies will meet with defeat, but we are deeply concerned that it shall not hereafter be said that, in this crisis of our history, any element of the population of the Dominion shirked its duty. If this continues to be true, it will prove an increasingly disturbing factor in the determination of the problems that will arise after the war, but not out of it. Quebec is missing a golden opportunity. Her apologists have told us in the past that her people were misunderstood, that if there might be antagonism between them and their neighbors upon questions having their origin in the special concessions granted to them a century and a half ago, they were at one with the rest of us in loyalty to the flag and Empire. English-speaking Canada has called upon Quebec for proof of this and it has not been forthcoming. It is not yet too late to show that it is true, but the time is swiftly passing and it will be an unhappy, not to say a dangerous thing, if when the time of triumphant peace comes, it shall be possible to point to any section of our people and say of them that as a whole they failed to appreciate the obligations resting upon them by reason of their place in the Empire and especially by reason of the care that has been taken at all times since the Plains of Abraham to keep inviolate the pledges given by the conquerors to the conquered.

THE CITY AND SAANICH

Is there no neutral power that will write a note with the view of bringing about a lasting peace between Victoria and Saanich? The House of Stewart and the Clan McGregor have been at daggers drawn for some time, and in the language of a certain very distinguished personage "their avowed purposes appear to be the same." Now lest there may be some misapprehension on this point, we hasten to remark that the case is not exactly on a par with the dispute between the man and his wife, which was explained by the former as due to the fact that they were both of one mind. "She wants to be master and so do I," he said in reply to a neighbor who was endeavoring to be "neutral even in thought." There is no question of mastership involved in the intermunicipal dispute, and so we anticipate that there will be no serious difficulty in negotiating a modus vivendi, if not an actual alliance.

But dropping all persiflage, there will be many occasions on which reasons for disagreement may arise between the city and Saanich. The geographical relations of the two municipalities to each other are such that a conflict of interests may arise at any time, but none of the causes of dispute is likely to prove very difficult of adjustment. The two municipalities have much in common. Especially is this true of fire protection. We suggest that after the forthcoming municipal elections each council might well appoint a small committee to confer upon the open questions with the view of reaching a general agreement covering them all. When matters of this nature come up sporadically, there is always difficulty in determining them, because of the existence of some other cause of controversy; whereas if all outstanding issues were discussed at the same time, a basis of compromise might be readily reached by a little give and take on both sides.

THE PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN

Stress is being laid upon the fact that the Pacific Great Eastern will make default in the forthcoming interest payment upon its guaranteed bonds. It is only fair to say that the contract with the Company contemplated such a default, and it is impossible that the line can meet any part of its interest until it is completed to Fort George. The advances made by the Province on interest account will be added to the principal sum of the bonds and be a charge against the road.

Under these circumstances we submit for the consideration of the Government the desirability of devising some plan whereby the road may be pushed to completion at the earliest possible day. It is likely to play a very important part in connection with any colonization plan affecting British Columbia that may be formed at the forthcoming Ottawa conference.

It is only just to add that Sir Richard McBride, his colleagues in the Government and the members of the Legislature who upheld him in the policy of assisting the construction of this railway, could not possibly have foreseen the conditions that have arisen since the contract was signed. No one denies the importance of the railway, but we do not imagine that the Government or the contractors would have embarked upon such a project if they had foreseen such financial and other world-wide complications as have since arisen.

THE SPECTRE OF FAMINE

If The Morning Post's correspondent at Buda-Pest is well informed, and if what Vorwaerts of Berlin says, is anything like correct, the Central Empires are on the verge of collapse because of the shortage of food. It is said that in some places the armies in the field are on half rations, while the larger part of the civil population is already suffering. Men cannot be at their best or anything like it, when they have not enough to eat. There is no relief in sight. The last hope was that by overrunning Roumania large food supplies could be obtained; but this expectation has been disappointed. The difficulties of the Central Empires is accentuated by the fact that in the territories they have occupied there are 25,000,000 people who must be fed, and the occupation of these areas has not added appreciably to the supply of foodstuffs. If the Allies did nothing more than hold their present lines firmly for the next four months Germany would be bound to come to their terms.

According to current reports the Austrian Emperor realizes that the end is near and is desirous of saving what of his dominions he can and perpetuating the Hapsburg dynasty while there is time to do so. If the German Kaiser refuses to yield to the inevitable, it can only be because he foresees the overthrow of the House of Hohenzollern. He has lost the confidence of the German people, and all his bluster and his impious appeals to the Almighty deceive nobody, not even himself. An intimation comes from Washington that Germany is prepared to accept terms of peace which may be acceptable to the Allies, but we hardly think it possible that anything of the kind will be forthcoming at present.

THE OTTAWA CONFERENCE

We are very glad to learn that Mr. Brewster will be able to attend in person the conference to be held in Ottawa to discuss the question of provision for returned soldiers. In a matter of such very great importance it is in every way desirable that the Premier shall take part. This is not said as a reflection upon his colleagues, any one of whom would doubtless render efficient service, but as the decision of what part the Province shall take in any plan that may be agreed upon must rest with the Premier, it is fitting that he should be as closely in touch with the negotiations as possible.

THE BRITISH FRONT

Mr. W. A. Willison, of The Toronto News, writing from France says that the taking over by the British of a greater extent of the Western battleline has produced an exceedingly favorable impression in Paris and is likely to prove a material source of strength to the Allied forces, because it will enable France to concentrate her troops along a shorter front. Some criticism was made a few months ago of the relative shortage of the British front as compared with that of France, but the natural and proper answer was that the new British army required time to become prepared for greater responsibilities. Very many of the British troops have only been with the colors for a short time, and it would have been a mistake to have placed them in a position where they would have to meet German veterans before they had time to become hardened to their work. This has now been accomplished and we are now relieving our Ally of a part of the burden he has borne so long and so nobly. No details have been given out as to the extent of the new line occupied by the British, and probably the public will not be informed on that point until events at the front make it necessary.

PORTFOLIOS

An American exchange draws attention to and corrects the absurd statement appearing in a London dispatch to the effect that "when Mr. Asquith left Buckingham Palace it was observed that he had not his portfolio with him," from which it was inferred that he had resigned the office of Prime Minister. Ministers in British governments are not given portfolios when they take office and do not give them up when they resign. The phrase that a man has been offered a portfolio is a mere form of expression signifying that he has been offered a post as head of a public department. When a Minister holds no office of that nature, as was the case of Mr. Asquith, he may properly be described as a minister without portfolio, although he would always be spoken of as the Prime Minister. By the way, it may be mentioned here that the terms Prime Minister and Premier mean the same thing. In Great Britain the official title of the Prime Minister is First Lord of the Treasury. The departmental head of the treasury, that is the Minister holding the portfolio of finance, is the Chancellor of the Exchequer. We have no office in Canada corresponding in name to the First Lord of the Treasury, but the official positions of the Federal and Provincial Premiers is the same as that of the First Lord. It is as First Lord that the British Prime Minister receives a salary.

President Wilson is a bit of an autocrat himself. He has given the Senate its orders.

Mr. Ben Tillet, British Labor representative, said to an American interviewer: "We are not sick of this war; we never will be sick of this war until we have put down trickery, conspiracy and beastliness in Europe." That will not appeal to American pro-German pacifists.

President Wilson would find it somewhat difficult to convince King Albert of Belgium that his objects in this war are the same as those of Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany. We wonder if there is any other person in the world who believes what the President says he does.

About ten days ago the semi-official North German Gazette announced that the Russo-Roumanian army had been annihilated; that Germany was splendidly supplied with food of all kinds and that Great Britain, France and Italy were feeling the pangs of hunger. Upon such meat as this is German public opinion fed.

The Kaiser has presented Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria with a decoration for his victory on the Somme. Any old thing can be called a victory if you do not mind keeping to facts.

Those who visit the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Exhibition at the Market Building all this week will kill two birds with one stone. They will encourage the association which does so much for the poultry industry, and help the Red Cross Society, which gets all the admission money.

The Daily Mail and The News, of Montreal, have suspended publication. At the time they were started we ventured to express the opinion that it would be difficult to make two new papers successful in that city, for which we were very severely castigated by one and perhaps both of them.

The Victoria correspondent of The Vancouver Province, discussing the vacancy in Alberni caused by Mr. Brewster's decision to sit for Victoria mentions Capt. J. F. Bledsoe as the most likely Liberal candidate. This is the effect of our own information; but we hardly understand what our contemporary's correspondent means when he says that Capt. Bledsoe's friends have expected him to be made Deputy Minister of Mines. We were not aware that there was any vacancy in that office, which has never been regarded as a political one.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN ENJOYED PANTOMIME

Patriotic Service Committee Receives Many Letters of Thanks—Winner of Doll's House Located

Letters of thanks and appreciation are being received at the office of the Patriotic Service Committee from children and mothers who were present at the special matinee performance of "Puss in Boots," given for their benefit last Saturday afternoon at the Royal Victoria Theatre.

This treat was provided through the kindness of the Superfluities Branch of the Red Cross Society and all arrangements in connection with it were made by the Patriotic Service Committee.

The children were received at the door of the theatre by some of the ladies of the committee, handed on to the various gentlemen ushers who volunteered their services for the afternoon, and all comfortably seated before the curtain rose upon their happy and expectant faces.

Never before in Victoria has such an audience greeted a performance. The theatre was packed to capacity and the joyous laughter and shrieks of merriment with which each funny act and amusing joke was received can never be forgotten by those of mature age who were fortunate enough to be present.

A very pleasing ceremony, which took place during the interval between the acts, was the drawing of the winning ticket for the doll's house kindly donated by Major J. S. Harvey. The doll's house was shown from one of the balcony boxes, the announcement regarding it being made by Mr. Hincks, and little Mary Swinerton, daughter of Mr. R. H. Swinerton, honorary secretary of the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society, drew the ticket, after the box which contained all the duplicate tickets had been well shaken up in the sight of all present.

The winning number proved to be 1391, which was held by one of the children of Mrs. Evelyn Stewart, 534 Fraser Street, whose husband is now serving in France with the 1st Canadian Pioneers.

AVIATION DEPOT

Capt. Lord Innes-Ker Will Return Next Week to Inspect Sidney—Other Imperial Officers Coming

Owing to the unforeseen pressure of other business, Capt. Lord Alastair Innes-Ker, R.F.C., D.S.O., was unable to make the trip of inspection to Sidney yesterday as he had planned. He left last night for Vancouver and will return next Thursday.

While nothing of a definite nature can yet be announced, the Imperial Government has decided to establish an aviation training depot somewhere on the coast of British Columbia—whether on Vancouver Island or the Mainland it is not known. Before making his report as to the suitable location for the proposed institution, Lord Innes-Ker will visit the Sidney district, where conditions are said to be admirable. It is understood that other Imperial aviation officers will come to the Coast before the site is finally chosen.

Prospective recruits for the Royal Flying Corps can apply to Lord Innes-Ker when he returns on Thursday, at the office of Capt. C. Tweedale, District Intelligence Officer, Work Point, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

"MISSING" PIPER IS RECOMMENDED FOR V.C.

Another British Columbian has been recommended for the Victoria Cross. Chief of Police Richardson, of Chilliwack, has received a letter from Major C. W. Peck, officer commanding the 16th Battalion, stating that his son, Piper James Richardson, who has been missing since October 9, was recommended for the coveted medal, but through some technicality had not been awarded it.

Only slight hope is held out for the safety of Piper Richardson, although there is some possibility that he may have been taken prisoner. He was one of the few pipers of the Canadian forces allowed to go to the firing line, and during a recent attack urged his comrades on by playing on his bagpipes.

HOLD LINEN SHOWER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Women's Auxiliary of Military Convalescent Hospitals Will Provide for Needs of Returned Soldiers

A committee formed under the auspices of the Red Cross Society, to be known as the Women's Auxiliary of the Military Convalescent Hospitals, will hold a linen shower at Government House on Saturday next, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The object of the shower is to secure articles needed to furnish the military convalescent hospitals.

Public attention is directed to this patriotic enterprise in catering to the needs of wounded soldiers. The effort is purely a voluntary one on the part of the local branch of the Red Cross, whose secretary, Mr. F. W. Jones, interviewed Sir James Lougheed, chairman of the Military Hospitals Commission, during his visit here last week-end. The offer was gladly accepted, and the linen shower to be held on Saturday is the first step being taken by the women's auxiliary to meet as far as is possible the needs and to provide additional comforts for those who have come back home broken in the war.

Among the articles asked for at the linen shower are sheets, pillow cases, quilts, bed spreads, bath towels, dish and roller-towelling by the piece, easy chairs, material for curtains and other articles of a furnishing character which will be gratefully received. Within a day or two a full list of these most desirable articles will be published.

Throughout Canada women's organizations are rendering valuable help in equipping convalescent homes and making the lot of returned convalescent soldiers more easy. It is felt it is not enough to look after the needs of the wounded immediately they come from the battlefields, but that their wants should be supplied up to the time they have sufficiently recovered to renew civilian avocations. It is just as important to provide them with comforts on their return to Canada as it is to do the work for the Red Cross operating behind the lines or in the hospitals of the United Kingdom.

The extension of enterprise shown by the local branch of the Red Cross Society will be welcomed by all citizens who, without a doubt, will give their united support to the new call being made. Mrs. Barnard is honorary chairman of the Women's Auxiliary that has thhe work in hand, and it is through her kindness that Saturday's linen shower is being held at Government House.

QUERIES FOR CANDIDATES

Trades and Labor Council Will Put Questions to Aspirants for Municipal Honors

Candidates at the forthcoming municipal election will have opportunity to answer a number of questions which the Trades and Labor Council, at its regular weekly meeting last night, formulated and which will be forwarded to the various candidates. These questions are:

1. Are you in favor of a minimum wage of $3 for eight hours for outside employees?

2. Are you in favor of the election of police commissioners by the people?

The following delegates were appointed to represent the Council at the forthcoming meeting of the B. C. Federation of Labor, at Revelstoke: John Day (Plumbers), and S. Simmonds (Carpenters).

The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows: President, J. Christopher (Tailors); vice-president, J. Bass (Barbers); secretary, S. Simmonds (Carpenters); statistician, C. Sivertz (Letter Carriers); executive committee, Messrs. Day, Dakers, Taylor.

Lengthy discussion relative to the National Service Plan took place and the activities of the so-called Citizens' League was canvassed. While the Council was not in favor of the plan as introduced calling for the signing of the cards and averse to conscription, it decided it would have nothing to do with the League.

DUKE'S MANSION TAKEN

The British Government has commandeered the Duke of Buccleugh's famous town residence, Montagu House, Whitehall, for an extension of the Ministry of Munitions, says The London Chronicle. No portion of the house is to be reserved for the duke's personal use, and the treasures of this historic mansion are in process of removal to one of the family's country seats.

No other private residence in London occupies such an interesting site. As early as 1240 Hubert de Burgh built a large dwelling here, which subsequently became the property of the Black Friars of the Archbishop of York, and finally of Henry VIII., after which it remained the chief royal palace in London till it was destroyed by the Great Fire. The present house was begun by the fifth duke in 1858. The cost of the building amounted to £100,000.

Montagu House is noted for its great rooms, splendid furniture, exquisite porcelain, its Vandycks, and its incomparable miniatures. Pictures of Rubens, Rembrandt, Raphael and other great masters adorn the walls. But the collection of miniatures is unique and unrivalled even in royal palaces. Early in the year, for the first time, they were lent by the duke to the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Though several well-to-do hotels have been taken over by the Government this is the first time that an historic house of such interest has been commandeered.

Campaign Meeting Tonight—The second meeting of the municipal campaign will be held in the Old Victoria Theatre tonight, under the auspices of the Civic Retrenchment Association. Aldermen Porter and Todd, the two mayoralty candidates, will speak, and will answer nine questions on city government put to them by the association.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

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The Capital—The theatre was filled to its utmost capacity last evening upon the call of the Mayor by the citizens of Victoria, Vancouver Island and residents from Cariboo and other parts of the Mainland, who had gathered to discuss the question of a change of the seat of Government. It was decided to leave the question to the Legislative Council. Of all the popular members only one—the representative of New Westminster—would vote against the proposition for the removal of the seat of Government to a place so admirably adapted by nature for the capital of the united colonies as Victoria. And the official members, if unfettered by their action, must decide quite as unanimously in favor of Victoria. From Cariboo to Yale, on the Mainland, and from Cape Mudge to Victoria, on the Island the decision is already given in favor of establishing the seat of Government here. The council will meet on the 24th and we believe that His Excellency the Governor will accede to the demand of the popular vote and lay the matter before the meeting.

The Westminster Volunteers had a great time on Wednesday evening at Hyack Hall, on which occasion His Excellency and Mrs. Seymour were present, and the prizes won by the Volunteers in 1866 were presented by Mrs. Seymour. After the presentation ceremony was over the Volunteers broke ranks and the company present joined in dance. The Examiner gives a high falutin' account of the fair, some off in ecstacies at the mingling of "beauty and bravery."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. J. Morton and Mr. J. Lawrence, of Seattle, Wash., after visiting friends in Victoria for three days, have returned to Seattle.

Miss Martha and Minnie Schmelz returned to Seattle, Wash., on New Year's Day, after spending about ten days in Victoria with their relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. C. Barnacle will not be at home again until the first Friday in February.

At the Church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, on Saturday afternoon, December 16, the marriage was solemnized of Miss Kathleen Elenor Lowes, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Truman Lowes, of Calgary, Alta., and Lieut. Thomas Banks Jenkinson, 5th Lancers, formerly A.D.C. to General Peale-Brown, 2nd Cavalry Brigade, second son of the late Sir George Banks Jenkinson, Bart., and Lady Jenkinson, of Eastwood Park, Gloucestershire, England. The ceremony was performed by Captain the Rev. Canon A. P. Shatford, and the bride and bridegroom were unattended, the marriage being very quiet. Sir Alexander and Lady Bertram entertained Lieut. and Mrs. Jenkinson before their departure on a trip to eastern points, after which they leave for the West. The bridegroom is on a short leave, and will join his regiment in France early this year. To the bride the bridegroom gave a pearl ring and to Lady Bertram a piece of antique silver. Lieut. and Mrs. Jenkinson are well known in Victoria, the latter having spent the past Summer months in this city.

Mr. E. Railton, of this city, has left for Toronto, Ont., via Seattle, where he will spend the next six weeks visiting friends.

Miss Phyllis Macdonnell, of Vancouver, is spending a short vacation in this city as the guest of Miss White.

Miss Durant, of Victoria, is a visitor in Vancouver for a few days as the guest of Miss Jean Fraser.

Mrs. Joshua Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael, of Victoria, have left for a trip to California, where they will spend several months with friends.

Mr. B. J. Foxall left yesterday afternoon for Kansas City, Miss., via Seattle and the Northern Pacific Railway, where he intends to spend the Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Biggar, who were married last week in Vancouver, are spending their honeymoon visiting this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullin, of Victoria, are spending several days in Vancouver visiting friends.

Mr. Thomas Green, of Winnipeg, is spending a short time in this city en route to California, where he will spend the Winter months.

Mrs. Thomas Hardy, of Calgary, is a visitor in this city for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Gillespie, of Victoria Avenue, Oak Bay, who have been spending the Christmas and New Year holidays in Vancouver as the guest of Mrs. Evan Corneille, have returned home.

Mr. George Hudson, of the Union Bank staff at Prince Rupert, after spending a short vacation visiting Victoria and Vancouver, has left for the North.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Nash, of Nelson, spent a few days in Victoria and Vancouver on their way to California, where they intend to stay for the rest of the Winter.

Postmaster George Wilson, of Whitehorse, and his family, are visiting the Coast cities on a short holiday.

Mr. Gerald B. Williams, of Summerland, has been spending the holidays on the Coast.

Lieut. and Mrs. Max Reid, of Victoria, are spending a few days in Vancouver with friends.

Mr. George A. Bryant, of Prince Rupert, is visiting the Coast cities for a few weeks on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bolton left yesterday afternoon for New York, from where they will sail for Bermuda.

Among the Canadians who recently registered at the Government offices in London were Major and Mrs. Ottley, Mr. J. P. Helliwell, Mr. Clarence Lewerke, Miss M. M. Moore, Capt. and Mrs. W. D. S. Rorison, Capt. D. E. LeRoy, Mr. L. Severs, Mr. A. C. Skinner, Lieut. Trorey, Capt. W. R. Dockrill, Major J. Sclater and Capt. Godson-Godson, of Vancouver; Mrs. E. Harrington, Mrs. C. J. MacKenzie, Capt. A. H. Barker, Mr. R. W. Clark, Mr. Norman A. Foster, Mrs. M. Pethick, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sutherland, Lieut. George Forbes, of Victoria; Lieut. John Davidson, Lieut. Macgowan, Capt. and Mrs. Diamond, New Westminster! Lieut. Bidd, Mr. T. A. Carrie, Mr. J. H. Johnson and Mr. J. B. N. Barnum, Nelson.

Mrs. Robert Bowbottom, of Vancouver, after spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with relatives and friends in Nanaimo, passed through Victoria en route home. She is accompanied by Mrs. Goldsborough, also of Vancouver.

Mr. A. Town and son, of Peachland, B. C., are spending several weeks visiting Victoria and Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nicolle, of Tacoma, after spending several days in Victoria visiting friends have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Grahame, of Seattle, who have been visitors in this city for a short time have left for Vancouver, where they will spend a short time en route home.

A quiet wedding was celebrated in St. John's Church on New Year's Day, when Mr. Edward A. Smith was married to Miss Maria Baugerter, in the presence of a few friends. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Baugerter, and Mr. Arthur Thrippleton acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, rector of St. John's Church.

Struck By Motor—Knocked down by a speeding motor which did not stop, Mr. A. Braney, of Maplewood Avenue, Saanich, had a very narrow escape yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from serious injury and possible death. As it was he was badly bruised and sustained a gash on the head. He was crossing the street at the intersection of Cloverdale Avenue and Quadra Street when the motor, bound out from the city, bore down upon him. He jumped aside but was struck a glancing blow. In the police motor ambulance he was taken by Constable Devereux to Dr. Holmes' office where his injuries were attended to.

VANCOUVER ISLAND

NANAIMO

Lieut. N. Westwood, of Victoria, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. B. Westwood, of Comox Road.

Mrs. Adam McNeill, of Kennedy Street, has received news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Robert Chalmers, at Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland, on December 7.

Prize winners at the New Year's ball of the Pythian Sisters were: Best dressed lady, Miss Chapman; best dressed gent, Mr. W. Beattie; flower girl, Miss Leighton; original character, Mrs. Clark; comic character, Mrs. Tyler; national character, Mr. F. Banks; comic group, Messrs. Kelly, A. Cunningham, F. Cunningham and Streethorse; winners in drawing by Miss Prentis: Doll, 961, Mrs. Geo. Morgan; corset cover, 741, J. Doran; hand bag, 261.

At the fifth anual conversazione of the St. John Ambulance Association of South Wellington certificates were presented by Mr. J. C. McGregor to the following sucessful candidates: Messrs. D. Caldwell, J. Donnachie, L. Columbin, Sr., L. Columbin, Jr., T. Westwell, T. Hayton, J. McKellor. Other presentations were: Voucher, William Craig; medallion, M. McDonald; label (7th year), G. Richardson; label (4th year), J. C. Taylor, J. E. Parrott, N. Wright.

The death occurred in the Nanaimo Hospital on Monday morning of Harry Lewis, a native of Rhondda Valley, Wales, aged 62 years. The deceased, who had resided in the Nanaimo district for upwards of twenty years was in his prime a noted sprinter, and thirty years ago held the world's championship at 150 yards. As far as known he left no relatives on this side of the Atlantic. The funeral took place from the parlors of Mr. D. J. Jenkins, who had charge of the arrangements, yesterday afternoon at 2:30, the Rev. F. Hardy officiating. The pallbearers were Messrs. Tom Lewis, Llewellyn Williams, E. Jones, D. Jones, David Rees and William Edmunds.

Alderman Forrester, who has been named as a probable candidate for mayor in the forthcoming Nanaimo municipal elections, has definitely decided not to enter the field. He will again stand as alderman for the North Ward.

After a long delay the recommendation of the Nanaimo City Council urging the appointment of Mr. C. H. Beevor-Potts as police magistrate has at last gone through. Mr. Potts has received news of his appointment, and will at once take over the duties of the office. Mr. Potts has lived the best part of his life in Nanaimo and by virtue of his seniority in the practice of law in the city, as well as by his professional ability, was fully entitled to the office. His appointment therefore will be generally approved, and any delays there have been in getting a court will now be avoided.

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B. C. MEN DECORATED FOR GALLANTRY

Major "Big Jim" Macdonnell Gets D.S.O.—Captain Turner, Well Known Here, Given M.C.

The names of several well known British Columbians appear among the recent lists of soldiers gazetted for the Military Cross and Distinguished Medal for gallantry in the field.

Major J. A. ("Big Jim") Macdonnell, recently made commanding officer of the 1st Canadian Pioneers, which unit left here some time ago under Lieut.-Col. Hodgins, has won the D. S. O. He is very well known both in Victoria and on the Mainland, having for some years been prominent in the engineering and contracting business. He was second in command of the Pioneers at the time of their departure and was promoted to the command when Lieut.-Col. Hodgins was made a member of the military commission dealing with roads and transportation facilities for the troops in France.

Capt. Turner, of the Army Medical Corps, who has been awarded the Military Cross, married Miss Vivian Scholefield, a sister of Mr. E. O. S. Scholefield, Provincial Librarian, who is well known here. As Miss Scholefield she made many friends in this city, having been born and brought up here. She has been singing at the Aldwych Theatre, London, with the Beecham Opera Company, while her husband is at the front; she having been offered a leading part in the English version of "Cavalleria Rusticana," Mascagni's famous opera. Capt. Turner was formerly in the naval service, but was in private practice when war broke out, almost immediately afterwards offering his services to the A. M. C.

Major J. Parsons and Sergt. D. McKay, both members of the Vancouver police force, have been recommended for the Military Cross. Both were wounded on the same night under conditions that called for the exercise of exceptional bravery. Both men are lying in military hospitals, suffering from injuries which, while serious, are not thought to be fatal.

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VICTORIAN REWARDED FOR RESCUING WOUNDED

Sergt.-Major C. F. Dawson Gazetted for D.C.M.--Though Wounded, He Dragged Comrade to Safety.



—Photo by Gibson.

SERGT.-MAJOR C. F. DAWSON, D.C.M.

In recognition of the bravery and self-sacrifice which he displayed during the fighting at Zillebeke last June, when, after being three times wounded, he carried a disabled comrade into the safety zone, Sergt.-Maj. C. F. Dawson, of Victoria, is gazetted in the latest list for the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Sergt.-Maj. Dawson is one of the few men of his company who lived to tell the story of the fight. He was invalided home recently and is now living with his wife and children on Cedar Hill Road, having been recommended for his permanent discharge from the army on account of the serious nature of his wounds. Seen by The Colonist last evening, he said that even now he has lodged in his head a fragment of shrapnel shell, which hit him while he lay half-conscious in a shell-hole in No Man's Land, waiting for the aid that never came.

Leaving here with the 30th Battalion, Sergt.-Maj. Dawson transferred to the 7th soon after reaching the Old Country and he was sent over to France without delay, being ordered up to the firing line in time to take part in the fighting at Ypres, Festubert, Givenchy, Messines, Ploegsteert and Hill 60. About the beginning of June the Canadian Third Division was forced to retire from the front line trenches. It was then that Major-Gen. Mercer was killed. The 7th and 15th Battalions were sent in to fill the gap and, if possible, to drive back the German hordes. Sergt.-Maj. Dawson was detailed off with a company, one of the two officers being Lieut. Gerald Peters, of Prince Rupert, who was killed.

Describing his adventure, Sergt.-Maj. Dawson said:

Raining Shell

"The whole of our division had been hard at it for over twelve months without getting any rest to speak of, and we were daily expecting to get furlough when we received instead the order to stand to and prepare for moving into the front line at any minute. We had very little rest that night. The Germans attacked and, while we were in dugouts three miles from the firing-line, we were shelled out and had to get into a trench close by. We moved off about 5 a.m. towards the front line, in small parties to within about a mile and a half of our destination and then dug in right across the front. We stayed there all night and then moved up again, and it was a fine sight to see the boys all in line, just walking along as unconcerned as though they were going to a tea party. But the enemy was raining shell over at us and it was not until 7:30 that we reached a point within 200 yards of the front line.

"We stayed there until orders came from headquarters for us to move on—what was left of us. We managed to keep up our spirits despite the inferno of fire all around and we were busy shaking hands and wishing each other the best of luck. Then we got the command to fix bayonets and get ready for the signal to charge. Lieut. Carstairs was in charge of our company—the only company to go over as a whole.

"It was a beautiful, sunny morning—the King's birthday—when we jumped to the top of our shell-spattered parapet and delivered our attack. It was just, plain murder. We never had a dog's chance to get to the Germans, for they enfiladed us from all sides, especially from Hill 60. I took the right flank, with the boys dropping on all sides of me.

Target of Machine Guns

"As we ran, I suddenly felt as if I had been hit on the shoulder with a club. I spun around and fell, lying there on the ground for about a minute before I knew what had happened, and discovered that I had been wounded. I crawled into a hole and took off my equipment, cutting a hole out of my sleeve in order to dress the wound. Then I waited to collect my thoughts. I found I had a case full of cigarettes, and while I smoked one I used my entrenching tool with my left hand (I was wounded in the right) and scooped out the earth around me. That let the Germans know I was there, and they persisted in making my shell-hole the target of their machine-guns.

"I must have looked at my watch a thousand times while I lay there, waiting for the darkness that was bound to come. All the while the shells screeched overhead from both sides. It was just about 11 o'clock when a shell burst on the edge of the hole and buried me. I thought my head was cut off, for my steel helmet had a piece out as big as a dollar, and my eyes and face were covered with blood. I began to think my time was up. I bandaged up my head as well as possible with my one hand and had a smoke, and I never enjoyed a cigarette so much in my life as then.

"As the time went on I felt a little better, and I was just beginning to count the hours until the time when I might move when I got hit on my right hand. It was wonderful that I wasn't killed outright by the shells whizzing about everywhere. I resigned myself to fate, and finally, at 9 o'clock, I crawled out and made my way back. Just at the moment the bombardment intensified all along the line. Our own shrapnel was bursting in red balls right over our own parapet and throwing forward. I expect they thought the Germans were making another attack.

Heroic Action

"I expected to get hit every minute, but managed to escape, and I felt that the worst had been passed when I reached our wires. And then, without warning, our machine-guns opened on me. I dropped, and shouted to them that I was one of the 7th Battalion. I crawled along until I came to a hole in the wire, and there I came across a poor chap who had been shot through both knees. He implored me to carry him back, and while I could not actually carry him, I got him to hold on to my neck and then proceeded to drag him along with me. After I reached our lines, I handed him over to a stretcher bearer. I found that my battalion had been relievd and that it was now having a rest. After I had quenched my thirst with water I got a stretcher-bearer to take me behind the lines. It seems that I had been reported killed."

Sergt.-Major Dawson is a contractor in civil life. He is very well known in Victoria, having resided here for some ten years.

LIEUT.-COL. CLARK SLIGHTLY INJURED

Wounded Victoria Officer Is Still With Unit—Pte. Charles Irvine, Wounded, Is Now at Hospital.



—Photo by Gibson.

PTE. CHARLES IRVINE
Wounded

That Lieut.-Col. R. P. Clark's wounds, which he sustained some weeks ago, were of a slight nature and that he has been able to remain with his battalion, is the gratifying information that has been received here through private advices.

Col. Clark, who left here with the 47th Battalion, is now commanding officer of the 14th Canadian Battalion, R.M.R., which unit went to the front with the First Division. He has been with the division ever since it reached France.

Word has been received that Pte. Charles Irvine son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Irvine, of 1048 Pembroke Street, has been wounded and that he is now at No. 8 Field Ambulance, suffering from shell concussion. Pte. Irvine is a native son, and was formerly employed by Brown Bros., florists. He left here with the 88th Battalion, and was with the Mounted Rifles when wounded. He has a brother, Douglas, at the front.

Pte. Charles Clark, recently wounded, has fully recovered from his injuries, and is again on duty, according to word received yesterday.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Pte. J. A. Gay, of Western Scots, Among Men Who Arrived Yesterday—Was Four Months in France

Four returned soldiers arrived here on yesterday afternoon's boat and are now at the Military Convalescent Hospital, Esquimalt. They were Ptes. J. A. Gray, A. Macdonald, H. W. Mallett and Lce.-Cpl. Cruickshanks.

Lce.-Cpl. Cruickshanks went to the front with the 47th Battalion and was disabled through shrapnel in both feet necessitating the amputation of several toes.

Pte. Mallett, of the 1st Canadian Pioneers, spent three months in France. He was injured in the feet, and is also over military age.

Pte. Macdonald, of the 47th Battalion, is a patient for neurasthenia. He is over age and was unable to reach the front.

Pte. Gray, of the 47th Battalion, is also over age. He was four months in France.

Among the men who passed through Winnipeg last Monday were the following, destined for Victoria: Sgt. J. Masson, who is in charge; Cpl. C. Donaldson, 9th Battalion; Pte. A. Goss, 30th Battalion; Pte. A. E. Joplin, 13th Battalion; Pte. W. J. McDonald, A.S.C.; Pte. W. Nichol, Princess Pats; Pte. D. Patterson, 40th Battalion; Pte. W. Porter, 30th Battalion; Pte. H. G. Shanahley, R.C.H.A.; Pte. J. B. Wade, 47th Battalion, and Cpl. T. G. Younger, C.P.T.D.

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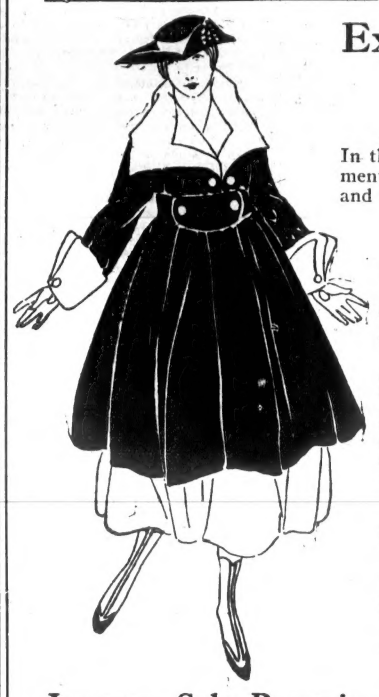
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MILITARY NOTES

Major deSalis and Lieut. T. Ogilvie, of Ottawa, were in the city yesterday on War Office business, being guests at the Empress Hotel.

The many friends of Pte. Norman Armstrong, of Lake Hill, will be pleased to hear that, after being fifteen months in the trenches, he has had ten days' leave, which he spent in England, visiting relatives and friends. He returned to the trenches December 15.



CAPT. C. A. MOORHEAD

Of Victoria, who has returned for the third time to the front, this time as a staff officer of the Fourth Canadian Division. He left here shortly after the beginning of war as commander of the reinforcements draft for the Princess Patricias Regiment, his fellow officers on that occasion being Lieut (now Major) J. S. Harvey and Lieut. (now Captain) Carew Martin.

Lieut. W. F. Loveland, in charge of recruiting for the 230th Forestry Battalion, C.E.F., on Vancouver Island, reports that the past month was most successful as far as his unit was concerned in the matter of securing men. The Victoria office, in charge of Sgt. A. Capon, has handled 77 men, 58 of whom have successfully passed the medical board. Fifty-three have gone East to headquarters at Brockville. The Nanaimo office, in charge of Sgt. E. B. McMaster, has signed on 30 men, all of whom have gone to Brockville. This makes a total of 107 men for the month. Three hundred more are needed.

Lieut. N. S. Harper, of the 231st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, has arrived here to attend the School of Instruction at the Willows.

Capt. Harry Price, of Kamloops, who left here with the 30th Battalion, and who came out here some three months ago on leave, has returned to England. He was recently decorated with the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry.

Rev. G. H. Andrews, formerly rector at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, is now with No. 4 Hospital, Salonica, near No. 5 Hospital, commanded by Lieut.-Col. E. C. Hart, C.M.G., of this city. Rev. Mr. Andrews left here with the rank of captain, as chaplain in the 88th Battalion.

Connaught Tunnel—The Connaught tunnel, now being regularly used by C. P. R. trains, is reported to be giving every satisfaction. Owing to the manner in which the ventilating fans are working, there is an entire absence of smoke and foul air in the big bore, but the difference between the temperature in it and immediately outside is remarkable. A few days ago when the mercury outside was eight degrees below zero, inside it was forty above.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Victoria Volunteer Reserve—Shooting as usual will take place on the new range in the basement of the Jones Building, 711 Fort Street, today at 7:30 p.m. A full attendance of the Victoria Volunteer Reserve is expected.

On Inspection Tour—Major R. Perry Sims, of the Imperial Army, who is engaged in Canada in connection with the work of the munitions board, is a visitor in the city on one of his regular trips of inspection. Major Sims was recently on the Coast.

English Mail Arrives—A shipment of English mail arrived yesterday at the local Post Office, consisting of 16 bags of letters and 10 bags of papers. The mail left London on December 18, and came via New York.

Mails to Greece — Postmasters throughout Canada have been instructed that parcels post service between the British Empire and Greece has been suspended. Letter mails continue uninterrupted, but all correspondence is subjected to censorship.

Traffic Superintendent — The appointment of Mr. W. H. Dinsmore as traffic superintendent of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company at Vancouver is announced. Mr. Dinsmore, who has been with the company since 1901, has for the last nine monthhs been acting traffic superintendent.

Embargo Lifted—Mr. Kenneth J. Burns, Vancouver, agent for the Great Northern Railway, has been advised that the embargo on perishable freight shipments of fruit and other perishable articles may now be received. The embargo was made effective on December 20, and is the first to be lifted on any of the American lines.

Cost of Living—The high cost of living problem is now engaging the attention of nearly every municipal and city council in the Province. The Vancouver city council at its last meeting had before it three resolutions on the matter submitted by the councils of North Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Nanaimo.

Fraser Valley Prosperous—The year just closed goes down in official municipal records as one of the most prosperous in the history of the Fraser Valley in the past decade. Practically every municipality ended the year in better financial condition than in former years. Tax collections were better than any records of the past four years. Crops were excellent and prices for all products very gratifying.

Library's Monthly Report—The Victoria Public Library's report for the month of December is as follows: Circulation, adults 15,396; juvenile 3,736; total, 19,132. The daily average for 25 days was 765.28; new applications, adults, 176; juvenile, 81; total, 257. Attendance in the reading room was 9,613. During Christmas and New Year's Days the reading and reference room attendance was 890.

Makes an Amendment—In a report from the Board of Works, in which endorsement was given to a resolution passed by the Point Grey council urging the Provincial Government to again put into force the poll tax, the proceeds to be devoted to the Patriotic Fund, the Vancouver city council passed an amendment, making the poll tax compulsory for all men between the ages of 21 years and 65 years, with all enlisted men exempt.

To Take Referendum—Whether the weekly half-holiday shall continue as at present, on Saturday, or whether it shall be changed to some other day of the week, will be decided by the electors of Vancouver on Thursday next, on the occasion of the civic elections. The resolution necessary to bring the matters before the electors has been passed by the city council, following the presentation of a petition signed by over 3,700 names.

C. P. R. Will Assist—Mr. W. A. Mather, assistant superintendent of the C. P. R. for the British Columbia division, who has just returned from a trip east, states that the C. P. R. will assist in every way to provide trackage for the needs of the Imperial Government. The company always has a considerable quantity of surplus stock on hand and this will be available for the work of railway construction in France.

Lengthy Litigation—Over six years ago Chas. S. Bergklint commenced suit against the Western Canada Power Co. for $15,000 damages for injuries. On Tuesday the Supreme Court of Canada gave judgment dismissing his suit with costs. During the past six years Bergklint has had his case twice before Vancouver juries, twice before the Court of Appeal and twice before the Supreme Court of Canada. His counsel, Mr. S. S. Taylor, K.C., may now attempt to take the case to the Privy Council.

Will Issue Appeal—Resulting from a request made by Mr. R. B. Bennett, M.P., director-general of National Service, for co-operation in the task which the Dominion Government has set itself, an appeal is being made by Mayor McBeath to the citizens of Vancouver, for their assistance in gathering the data needed by the Government, as outlined in the National Service cards being distributed throughout the Dominion. The appeal is in the form of a proclamation, in accordance with a resolution passed by the council.

More Fines Imposed—In the police court yesterday morning three offenders against the Saturday Half-Holiday Act pleaded guilty and fines of $10 were imposed. Mr. Henry Roberts, the owner of a store on Rock Bay Avenue, produced evidence to show that his sales consisted mainly of goods coming under the exempted list. His case was remanded for one week, as was that also of Mr. Allan Burrows, who similarly claimed exemption. The cases against John A. Hoyle and a Chinese merchant were dismissed.

Seek to Trace Pioneer—The aid of the local police authorities has been enlisted by Mr. Jean Fagnon, of 647 Beaudry Street, Montreal, in his search for information concerning the fate of a relative, Louis de Grandmaison, who left Ste. Anne de la Parade in 1857, when about 20 years of age, and came to this Province. Since leaving his home his relatives have heard nothing of de Grandmaison, but they hope that some of the old-timers of British Columbia may have some recollection of him or know what became of him.

Patriotic Aid Campaign—Mr. James Forman, chairman of the campaign committee of the Patriotic Aid Society, and Mr. R. H. Swinerton, honorary secretary of the organization, yesterday had an interview with the officers of the Daughters of Empire, when the ladies agreed to undertake the work of completing the canvas of the city for the 1917 fund. Committees of business men have about finished their work in the downtown sections and the ladies will commence their labors in the residential sections in about ten days' time.

Fisheries' Conference—Chief Inspector of Fisheries Mr. F. H. Cunningham and former Deputy Commissioner, now Lieut. D. N. McIntyre, are en route to Ottawa to attend the half-yearly meeting of the Dominion of Canada Fisheries Advisory Board. At Vancouver yesterday they met the members of the Salmon Canners' Association and afterwards left for Prince Rupert, where a conference will be held with those interested in fisheries. They go east from Prince Rupert over the Grand Trunk Pacific en route to Ottawa.

Walnuts Refused Entry—Fruit Inspector W. H. Lyre has refused entry to Vancouver of a shipment of forty tons of walnuts from Japan. It was discovered that over three-quarters of the nuts were bad, and that the shipment had been previously rejected at San Francisco and Portland before it was re-shipped to Vancouver. The provincial inspector will not allow the walnuts to be admitted on the ground that it would be an imposition on the public to allow them to be placed on sale. There are over seven hundred sacks of nuts. The consignment brought five cents a pound to the shipper in Japan and was worth $20,000.

Installation of Officers—The officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., were installed last evening by Bro P. A. McLean, D. D. G. M., assisted by a full staff of grand officers, as follows: H. W. Adams, N.G.; C. D. Munn, V.G.; D. Dewar, recording secretary; W. Jackson, financial secretary; F. F. Forneri, treasurer; A. E. Kent, warden; R. Shields, conductor; F. E. Anderson, I.G.; W. Farquhar, O.G.; W. Denman, R.S.N.G.; C. Hall, L.S.N.G.; H. A. White, R.S.V.G.; L. P. Macrae, L.S.V.G.; D. Scutt, R.S.S.; T. Loch, L.S.S.; R. N. Penman, chaplain. The officers of Dominion Lodge will be installed this evening.

Game Fish Hatchery—A few days ago Mr. H. S. Clements, M.P. for Comox-Atlin, and Mr. F. H. Cunningham, chief inspector of fisheries for the Province, met the Parksville Fish and Game Protective Association, which for some time has been agitating to induce the Government to establish a game fish hatchery on Englishman's River, with the idea of re-stocking the trout streams of British Columbia. Many enthusiastic sportsmen were present to discuss the proposed hatchery with the visitors. Mr. Clements not only declared himself strongly in favor of the project, but promised his whole-hearted support when the fishery board meets in Ottawa. Mr. Cunningham promised his co-operation.

Rotary Meeting—A large committee of twenty-four names has been drafted by the directors from the membership of the Rotary Club and called the "On to Vancouver Committee." The local club is taking great interest in the convention of Northwest Rotary Clubs which will be held in the Mainland city beginning on February 24. Last year's convention, which was held in Seattle, was attended by practically 75 per cent of the local membership, who saw a great white light in the possibilities of these annual gatherings. Enthusiasm is running high with respect to the local club's representation at the Vancouver convention, it being proposed that Victoria shall be suitably known among the Northwest cities after the conclave. Rotarian J. F. Scott has been elected chairman of the committee due to his particular capacity for leadership, which the club considers essential to the success of its representation. Today's meeting of the club will hear three papers. Mr. Bateman Hutchison will give "Survey Notes," Mr. J. C. Pendray will address the club about "Paint and Prospects for 1917," and Secretary T. J. Goodlake will give a talklet on "The History of Rotary." This last item is the first of a series of five-minute talks which will be given before the members on the various aspects of the ideals of the association.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., January 3, 1917.

SYNOPSIS

An ocean storm area now centred in Alberta is causing heavy snowfalls in Cariboo and rain has been general on the coast southward to California. Intense cold prevails in the far north, and colder weather may extend to this vicinity.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	38	42
Vancouver	36	38
Kamloops	20	28
Barkerville	12	24
Prince Rupert	28	34
Atlin	—28	—22
Dawson	—54	—52
Calgary	6	26
Winnipeg	6	14
Portland	38	46
San Francisco	42	58
Port Arthur	10	22
Penticton	22	29
Nelson	26	34
Cranbrook	20	34
Grand Forks	19	28
Prince George	10	31
Toronto	32	38
Toronto	32	38
Ottawa	8	26
Montreal	4	22
St. John	4	30
Halifax	10	30

WEDNESDAY

Highest	43
Lowest	38
Average	40
Minimum on grass	35
Maximum in sun	64

Rain—.06 inch. Bright sunshine—18 minutes.

MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT
(For December, 1916)

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine 49 hours and 48 minutes; rain 4.79 inches; snow 1 4-10 inch; mean temperature 37; highest temperature 49 on 2nd, lowest 27 on 29th; lowest on grass 22 on 29th; total recorded wind mileage 7,847; highest hourly wind velocity 48 SW. on 3rd.

Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine 22 hours, precipitation 5.70 inches; snow on ground, a trace; mean temperature 34; highest temperature 46, lowest 19.

Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine 48 hours and 30 minutes; precipitation 1.00 inch; mean temperature 18; highest temperature 46, lowest 13 below zero.

Barkerville—Snow 25 inches; snow on ground 2 ft. 4 inches; mean temperature 16, highest temperature 34, lowest 22 below zero.

Prince Rupert—Precipitation 3.36 inches; mean temperature 32, highest temperature 46 on 10th and 18th, lowest 17 on 25th.

Atlin—Snow 6.00 inches; ice 5.00 inches thick; snow on ground 9 inches; mean temperature 6, highest temperature 38 on 14th, lowest 34 below zero on 5th, 26th and 27th.

Dawson—Snow 19.00 inches; snow on ground 25.00 inches; mean temperature 18 below zero, highest temperature 20 on 11th, lowest 52 below zero on 8th and 9th.

Penticton—Rain .07 inch; snow 6.30 inches; highest temperature 44 on 3rd, lowest 1 on 29th.

Nelson—Snow 19.00 inches; highest temperature 37 on 3rd, lowest 3 below zero on 29th.

Grand Forks—Snow 25.10 inches; highest temperature 34 on 2nd; lowest 5 below zero on 26th.

Cranbrook—Highest temperature 37 on 4th, lowest 22 below zero on 24th and 27th.

Prince George—Highest temperature 42 on 2nd, lowest 28 below zero on 29th.

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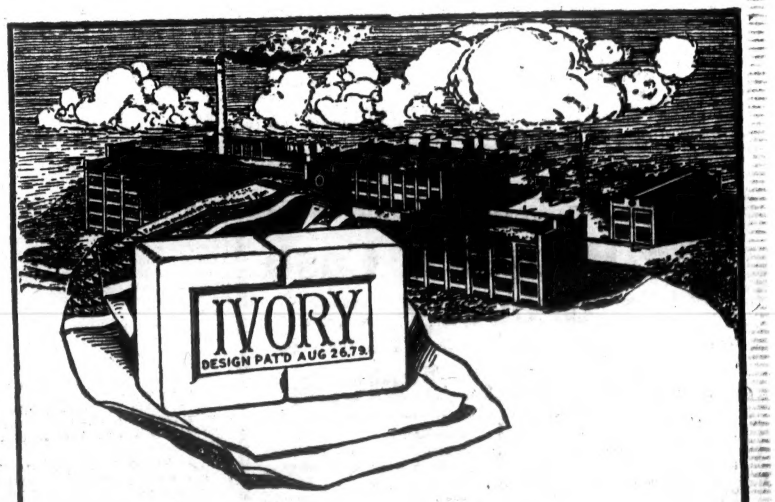
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Victoria Ladies' Club — At the first meeting of the Victoria Ladies' Club in the New Year it was decided that following the lead of all the other clubs in the city the entrance fee to membership would be dropped. It was also decided to conduct a campaign for new members, during the next six weeks. A number of new members were received into membership at yesterday's meeting. The resolutions concerning representation on the Local Council of Women was discussed, and Mrs. Keith, Miss Oldfield and Mrs. Collison, with the president, Mrs. Colby, were appointed representatives of the Club, to the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women to be held in February. It is the intention of the club to hold an evening entertainment about January 17 in aid of the Patriotic Fund, announcement concerning which will be made later. Miss Oldfield, the vice-president of the club, occupied the chair.

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The prevailing southerly winds which have maintained mild temperatures at this point, veered to westerly during yesterday with every prospect of becoming northwesterly by tonight. In the meantime the below zero temperatures have become intense in the Yukon, with 54 below zero at Dawson, and the northern portion of this Province, where Atlin reported 28 below, and these temperatures are gradually encroaching from the north, precipitating frost in the coast region of Prince Rupert, and heavy snow in the Cariboo. The snowfall in the Cariboo has been almost continuous and most phenomenal considering the progress Winter has made on the calendar. This region is now the borderland between mild and cold weather conditions, and considerably colder temperatures are expected to develop in the near future accompanied by the usual physical manifestations.

SEEKS INFORMATION ON ALIEN HOLDINGS

Federal Authorities Have Been in Communication With Provincial Government — Premier Goes East.

Information relating to the operations of those companies in which capital of alien enemies is involved is being sought by the Dominion Government, which has been in communication with the Provincial Government to that end. What action the Ottawa authorities contemplate taking is not known here, but within the past month considerable correspondence between the two Governments has taken place, and it is expected here that at the forthcoming session of the Federal House some definite action towards segregating such properties, so that alien enemies shall no longer benefit, will be taken.

It is no secret that in a number of concerns, chiefly mining, enemy capital is heavily invested, in fact in one coal mine on Vancouver Island the chief shareholders are Germans of title and mostly Prussians.

The Federal Government is the only authority which can take any action of a war-time character towards dealing with such properties, but naturally it prefers to consult the Provincial authorities within the limits of whose jurisdiction such properties lie, and it is with this idea in mind that of late Ottawa has been in communication with the British Columbia Government.

This question probably will be one of a number which Premier Brewster will discuss with Sir Robert Borden while in Ottawa attending the conference to be held on the 10th inst. The meeting is called primarily to discuss the question of providing for the returned soldiers, Sir Robert Borden having recently requested the Provincial Government to send a representative. The Federal Government's policy, which will be presented at the forthcoming Dominion session, has been adopted in principle, but, with a view to securing uniformity between Federal and Provincial policies, the conference has been called.

Premier Brewster will leave tonight or tomorrow afternoon for the East. He will take advantage of his trip to take up with the Federal Cabinet a number of subjects of importance to British Columbia, notably the encouragement of the iron and steel industry, as well as the whole mining industry, with special reference to the protection of metals for the Empire's war-time needs; fisheries, and, perhaps, the question of "better terms," will be revived. The commission which was appointed to deal with this latter matter is still in existence, but has been doing nothing for some time. It is probable that the Premier will suggest a revival of its activities.

Defaults Interest

The Government has been notified by the P.G.E. Railway Company that it will be unable to meet the payment of interest on bonds guaranteed by the Province and due on the 15th inst. The payment will have to be met by the Province. This will be the third interest payment on the guaranteed bond which the Province will have had to meet, the other payments, of $316,016 each, having fallen due in January and July of last year.

Satisfactory arrangements have been made by Hon. Ralph Smith, Minister of Finance, with the Bank of Commerce for financial accommodation to carry along until the end of the fiscal year, March 31, at a rate of between two and three per cent.

Fuller information relative to the financial operations of the office of the Agent General, at London, has been requested of Sir Richard McBride by Hon. Ralph Smith, who recently sent a request to Sir Richard for details of certain expenditures which had been made and the accounts sent to the Department, but there has been no accompanying explanation of the reason for the outlays. Fuller and more detailed explanations are sought by the Minister, who is also requesting a report relative to the present financial status of the Province's new premises in London, completed last year, and in which are housed the offices of the Agent General.

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First Meeting Held at Victoria West Last Night—Aldermen Porter and Todd Enunciate Their Mayoralty Platforms.

The 1917 municipal campaign was opened with a meeting last night in the Victoria West School, attended by some fifty persons, almost one-third of whom were candidates. The two candidates for the mayoralty, Aldermen Porter and Todd, spoke for half an hour each.

Alderman Porter placed himself on record as favoring action to establish all the railway terminals on the Indian Reserve where the companies can exchange cars. In connection with this he advocated a bridge across the harbor mouth at Laurel Point to make the ocean piers the Dominion Government is constructing at the outer wharves "part and parcel" of the reserve terminals. He also advocated the construction of a canal from Esquimalt harbor through to the headwaters of the Gorge. This, he said, would make the upper part of the Gorge "the finest pleasure resort in North America."

"I contend that the Johnson Street bridge should be rushed to completion," said Alderman Porter, going further into his platform. "It is very necessary for Victoria West. If the railway companies do not enter into the agreements with the city for the bridge, I will move for taking the question to the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners. They are the people who can bring railways and other corporations to time."

Extend Time for Tax Payments

Dealing with the tax delinquency tangles, Alderman Porter said there were so many local improvements passed in 1910, 1911 and 1912 that the city could not keep track of them all. Supervision was not sufficient and the work cost more than it should. In many expropriation cases, more was paid for a few feet in front of a lot than the whole lot was worth.

"My idea of tax relief is the extension of the time for payment of local improvement assessments," he said. "Extending the time of payment from 10 to 25 years would afford great relief to property owners. There are some cases which, besides this, will require special treatment, such as Pandora, Hillside and Douglas Streets."

He declared in favor of the day labor system, which has proved most satisfactory, many of the civic works being carried out under this system at far below the contractor's estimate. He said a change should be made in the election of the City Council, one-half the aldermen retiring each year, to leave the others to carry on the city work with some continuity.

Dealing with the Johnson Street bridge, he explained that the Government agreed first to contribute $175,000, then $200,000, to the bridge, the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Co. $80,000, and the B.C. Electric $50,000 only when they began to use the bridge. The Canadian Northern would participate only by contributing $25,000 when pressed by the Government. As the city failed to get the interested parties to sign their agreements, the City Council last June asked the Provincial Government to take over the negotiations.

"I am in favor of putting the Rock Bay bridge across on the old site in front of the Rock Bay Hotel," he continued. "It would cost less and serve Victoria West better."

"I feel that if the citizens of Victoria took more interest in the doings of their Council, we would get better results," he went on. "I have been trying to work up interest in the campaign during the last few days. It is true that just before election every year there is a spasmodic outburst of interest, but this, however, soon subsides after the campaign is over."

Alderman Porter declared that the reason for the failure of the sewerage system at Skinner's Flats was that the engineers tried to make water run uphill.

Anxious to Protect City

Alderman Todd, the other mayoralty candidate, said that too much attention ought not to be paid to election platforms, as they often turn out to be boomerangs. He told of his achievements, being a member of the market committee, of the fire wardens who have charge of our most excellent, but expensive fire department," and of the committee which has been working for a reduction of the fire insurance rates of Victoria.

The alderman promised that Victoria West should have a public park, such as he has advocated for many years. In the Government's plans for the development of the Indian Reserve, two small parks are laid out. He said these were too small, and he hoped that arrangements could be made for a larger park.

"If the city were left alone we could rebuild the Rock Bay bridge for $9,000," Alderman Todd went on. "But owing to influences brought to bear at Ottawa we may have to expend as much as $40,000. These interets have used their influence at Ottawa to force Victoria to put in a 70-foot span, which is absolutely unnecessary for all the traffic that will go under that bridge. We have simply been held up."

He said that the electors of Victoria should elect their own police commissioners, and that this body should be amalgamated with the Board of Licensing Commissioners.

Coming to the Johnson Street bridge, his chief campaign issue, Alderman Todd asserted that the tentative agreement between the city and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co. was so full of defects that under it the city would be improperly binding themselves to the railway company. He said that if the railway company continued to refuse to sign the agreement put forward by the city, he believed the city should erect its own bridge at the foot of Johnson Street. He declared that the city had more right to the bridge site across the harbor than the railway company has.

"From the completion of the E. & N. Bridge in 1888 until 1909 the railway company did not attempt to interfere with pedestrian traffic on the bridge," he continued. "There is no doubt that the concession was given to the railway company to build the bridge at the foot of Johnson Street on condition that it be made available to the public."

Alderman Todd said he was in favor of one bridge, but people had been talking of it for four years and even yet no bridge has been built. But because the railway companies will not sign their agreements protecting the city, he said the city should go on with the construction of its own bridge.

"We are not going to have any more millstones around the neck of the city," he said.

Has Been Good Council

Mr. Beaumont Boggs, who was chairman, reminded the audience that it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Victoria West to the City of Victoria. He declared that candidates were always promising great things for the district, but forgot them as soon as elected. He said that Victoria West has not yet got its park or cheaper water rates. He said one thing Victoria West did not need was better police protection, as the only people they had trouble with were those who come over from the main part of the city.

"I think the present Council has been a very good Council," said Mr. Boggs.

"Hear, hear," came the chorus from two rows of aldermen near the front of the hall.

Mr. Boggs then called on the aldermanic candidates.

Mr. A. B. Andros said that in 1912 and 1913 he represented Ward Four in the Regina City Council. Because of this experience he thought he could inject some "Prairie vim" into the Victoria Council. He announced his platform as "progress, thrift and efficiency."

"We should foster a spirit of pride in our city, and stop the knocking," cried Mr. Andros. "Thrift can be defined as the practice of saving the otherwise worthless product. To have efficiency we must pay a living wage to civic employees, but if we do pay more we should see that the employees waste no time."

School Trustee Robert Dinsdale said that he had served on the City Council in former times. He declared himself in favor of the city constructing its own bridge at the foot of Johnson Street. He said the Rock Bay bridge should not be reconstructed, as it would only be a waste of money. The Rock Bay bridge, he declared, would serve only about a dozen people. The city should concentrate on hurrying through the Johnson Street bridge.

Wants Publicity at City Hall

"My main object in running is as a protest against the policy of concealment carried on at the City Hall," said Dr. A. A. Humber. "I have never been able to find a mayor or alderman who would admit anyone was responsible for what was done in the city's business. This city is now $2,300,000 behind in its affairs, and this was only found out after much effort. One thing city officials should have credit for is that they are able to keep their mouths closed.

"I don't believe in cutting down the wages of the lower-paid city workmen. We should cut down the higher-paid officials."

"Gentlemen, all I ask you to do is to support me," said Mr. W. Luney. "I have lived in the city for 20 years and now I have time to devote to the city's interests. That's all."

Favor's Civic Audit

Mr. W. J. Sargent said he had decided to come out again for alderman because many of his friends said they were sorry to see that he was not in the Council last year. He declared in favor of paying labor well, but at the same time observing economy.

"I think that it would be a good thing to have a public audit," he said. "We should know where we are as regards our finances. Three years ago I was the only man out of 27 candidates who spoke in favor of a public market. Since then the market has been established and has proved to be a good thing. We should also have a reorganization of our city departments."

Mr. Sargent said it would be better if experienced men were elected over candidates out for the first time.

"A bunch of good aldermen may twist a bad mayor, so it is necessary that whoever is elected mayor should be supported by capable aldermen," said Mr. J. Ivan Seabrook. "The sooner we quit talking about our bad debts the better. We can't get people here if we advertise our debts.

"If this city had a half million people we could not get along without Rock Bay bridge. Why, if we had half a million people our streets would be a seething mass.

"The whole world is getting ready for when the war is over. The city that puts forward the most original ideas will get the world traffic. We must start some industries here at once."

Interested in Council Work

"I think it would be a good plan for voters to enquire into the past history and reputations of the candidates, and to form their opinions on those grounds," said Alderman Cameron. "One subject which should receive a good deal of attention is our assessment system. I think there are better systems, and the time is come to find out whether there is a more equitable system of assessment. I am interested in the aldermanic work. I like it and am willing to give my time to it."

Alderman Dilworth placed himself for re-election on the successful record of the parks committee, of which he is chairman. He said no one should leave a stone unturned to secure the speedy completion of the Johnson Street bridge.

"Next year is going to be one of the hardest years we have had," continued Alderman Dilworth. "There must be a lot of solid headwork, more headwork than talk. We have got to have efficiency but economize on every little frill, not only as a theory on election day, but to work it out."

"There has never been a council that has pared to the bone and got a dollar's worth of work for a dollar, as has this council," said Alderman Fullerton. He declared that his reason for wanting to get into the next council is to see that in the adjustment of the tax delinquencies an unjust share of the extra assessment is not put on the owners of property on unimproved streets, which outnumber the improved streets.

As chairman of the firewardens, he said he was proud of the efficiency of the fire department. He recited the city's case for a reduction in fire insurance rates.

Alderman Johns told of how the efficiency committee of which he is a member did away with all except one of the civic officials' automobiles. These were costing about $3,000 a year, one luxurious machine alone costing $100 a month. He also cited the success of the public market, under the committee of which he is chairman.

Alderman Walker said he knew Victoria West because he used to board there when there was nothing but woods west of the harbor. Alderman Walker said the council has been careful, but that there is a limit to retrenchment. He said he had been a member of the Old Men's Home and cemetery committees, as well as on the assessment committee.

"If you don't elect me, I think the loss will be yours," he continued. "It is very hard to get up a smile in that council. They are a very sober bunch of people. I succeeded in getting up a smile amongst the boys once in a while.

He declared the city horses were "too terribly fat and lazy."

Alderman Peden said the council has done everything it could to introduce thrift and economy. As chairman of the health committee, he said the health department is the most important in the city, as healthy conditions vitally affect each individual. "If I am elected again there will be nothing left undone to improve the health conditions in this city," he added.



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OBITUARY NOTICES

Sister Mary Lydia, formerly Miss Azilda Lefebre, a teaching sister at St. Ann's Convent for the past twenty-five years or more, died yesterday at that institution after a long illness. She was a native of Plattsburg, N.Y., where she was born fifty years ago, and came to this city in 1889 to join St. Ann's Order, in which, ever since, she has been an untiring worker in its various avocations, but principally in that of teaching. The news of her death will bring sorrow to many hearts. She is survived by a brother in Evansville, Ind., and four sisters, three of whom are members of religious orders. The funeral will take place from St. Ann's Chapel, Humboldt Street, tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Thomas Pinch, a resident of Victoria for the past eight years, died on Tuesday in Vancouver. He is survived by a widow and daughter. The late Mr. Pinch was formerly a resident of Paisley, Ont., and for thirty-five years was interested in the hardware business there. He was prominent in Masonic circles. The funeral, which is to be held in Vancouver, will be according to the ritual of that fraternity.

Word reached here yesterday of the death at Rutherford, N.J., of Mrs. Mary Plummer, formerly of this city. She was the mother of Mr. Robert J. Plummer, her only son, and the widow of the late Mr. Robert Plummer, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. She had been an invalid for the past five years, suffering from a broken hip. Funeral services were held last week.

Mrs. Eileen Mary Irwin, wife of Mr. William Russell Irwin, died yesterday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. She was 22 years of age and a native of Belfast, Ireland. She had spent three years in Canada. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2 p.m. from the B. C. Funeral Chapel.

Funeral services for Mr. Richard Barrett Oliver were held on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, where Rev. H. St. J. Payne officiated. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. Allen, W. Moore, H. Lay, G. T. Williams, J. Bayliss and J. J. Townsend. Burial was made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Mrs. Alice Elizabeth Crossman, wife of Mr. William Crossman, died yesterday at the residence, 409 Edward Street. She was 59 years of age and a native of Lincolnshire. She was a resident of Victoria for the past five years and a half. Besides her husband, she leaves five sons and one daughter, in this city, and two sons, a mother, three sisters and two brothers in England. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2 o'clock from the residence, fifteen minutes later services being held at St. Saviour's, where Rev. Robert Connell will officiate.

The funeral of Mrs. Katherine Jane Hall, widow of Mr. Wesley Hall, took place yesterday from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. F. W. Davey, 126 South Turner Street, there being a large attendance of friends at the services, which were conducted by Rev. S. Cook, assisted by Rev. A. Tait. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. E. Thomas, G. Lewis, S. Wright, W. C. Holt, S. W. Edwards and F. C. Schroeder. Burial was made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Pte. Robert Edward Johnston, formerly a patient at the Military Convalescent Hospital, Esquimalt, died yesterday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. He was 39 years of age and a native of Debec Junction, N.B. He had been in hospital for a month and a half. In civil life he was a miner by occupation. The funeral will be held on Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Chapel.

The funeral of Herbert Barrington Elworthy, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elworthy, of Prior Street, took place yesterday at 2 o'clock from the Sands Chapel, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick officiating.

The funeral of Kathleen Hopkins, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hopkins, took place yesterday at 2:30 p.m. from the Thomson Chapel, where Rev. William Robertson conducted the services. Burial was made at Ross Bay Cemetery

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TAX COMMITTEE BEING ENLARGED

No Meeting Until After Elections—May Have to Wait for Data in City's Annual Balance Sheet.

The tax delinquency committee of the City Council adjourned until January 16 yesterday afternoon after making arrangements for the enlargement of the committee by the addition of eleven or more representatives from the Affiliated Friendly Societies, the Victoria Real Estate Exchange, the Civic Retrenchment Association, the Victoria and Island Development Association, the Rotary Club, the Board of Trade, the Trades and Labor Council and the Retail Merchants' Association. These members will be added at the next meeting. They will be chosen on the recommendations of the organizations which they will represent.

During the session several speakers declared this was an inopportune time for the tax delinquency committee to carry out its work. Mr. F. Landsberg said that nothing much could be done until the city's balance sheets for 1916 were issued. City Controller Raymur said this would not be until February. He added that without these it would be difficult for the members of the committee to get accurate data on which to work.

It was proposed that the committee adjourn until February, when these statements will be out, but Alderman Todd opposed this as he said the committee should not delay action. Its recommendations would have to be placed before the next session of the Provincial Legislature. Unless the work was speeded up the city's proposals would have to go over to the 1918 Legislature. A compromise postponment of two weeks was made, at which time the members hope they will have something to work on.

"It is unfortunate that this thing has come up just at the time when the aldermen in office are willing to bow and scrape to everyone to get votes at the municipal election," said Alderman Bell. "It is an inopportune time for solving these problems. It is providential that this matter is now being laid over until after the election. This little 'stunt' has already fulfilled its work as an election dodge."

Make Finances Intelligible

Mr. C. T. Cross, of the Victoria Real Estate Exchange, suggested that the City Council should take action to popularize the yearly balance sheet. He said that the form of the present statement is so complicated that the ordinary man can't understand what it is about.

"The form of our balance sheets is just for accountants," he said. "I guarantee that half the members of the Council can't understand it. Your object should be to issue it in such a form that the ordinary citizen can understand what he is up against as regards the finances of the city."

Mr. Howard Chapman said that something should be done to retain the services of either Alderman Todd or Porter on the tax delinquency committee after the municipal election, as one of them had to be defeated. He declared that some sacrificing citizen might run for the Council on the understanding that he would yield his seat to the defeated mayoralty candidate.

Mr. Frank Andrews said that the longer the city postpones grappling with the problem of delinquent local improvement assessments, the heavier will be the burden placed on the general taxpayer.

"Sooner or later the city has got to get behind these local improvements with borrowed money and help to pay for them," he said. "If property is not worth what it is assessed for, the owners will not pay for it, and the city will have to. We are up against a proposition now when property on some streets is not able to pay the local improvement charges. In these cases the city will have to pay up and should realize it quickly."

Mr. Andrews cited a case where a lot on Pandora Avenue, between Douglas and Blanshard Streets, assessed at $39,000 by the city, was valued at $500 by an arbitration board recently when it was entered for probate. He declared that he had been offered a lot on Hillside Avenue a few nights ago for a cigar, as the local improvement charges against the lot are three times what it is assessed for.

Alderman Bell said that with delay the city would have the advantage of money getting steadily cheaper and property worth more. He ridiculed the proposal of a "prominent citizen" published in The Colonist yesterday to solve the tax troubles by borrowing money at 6 per cent and putting it in the bank at 4 per cent. "The man who put that forward was certainly a great financier," he said.

Mayor Stewart denied that city officials had been withholding information from the Civic Retrenchment Association. "We want you to get all the information you want about the city's affairs," said the mayor. "As for a civic audit, you can have all the auditors you want. Come along with your committee and we will give you all the information you desire."

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DEATHS

IRWIN—On January 3, 1917, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Mrs. W. Russel Irwin, eldest daughter of Mrs. Owens, 1024 McClure Street, aged 22 years.

Funeral will take place on Friday, January 5, from the B. C. Funeral Parlors at 2 p. m.

WISE—On the 3rd inst., at his home, 464 Head Street, George Alexander Wise, aged 7 years, born in Victoria, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wise. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss, besides his parents, two brothers and one sister.

The funeral will take place on Friday, the 5th inst., at 2 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel, where the Rev. Dr. Maclean will officiate. Interment Ross Bay Cemetery.

URGE CARE IN CHOICE

Local Organizations Will Ask Government to Select Strong Men as Commissioners

This morning at 11 o'clock a delegation representing the Social Service Commission will wait upon the Provincial executive and urge that in the appointment of police and licence commissioners the Government will select men who will enforce the laws to the full. The delegation will point out that, in its opinion, the laws have not been properly enforced hitherto and the argument will be advanced that in view of the fact that Prohibition will likely become effective on July 1 next, and there will undoubtedly be an attempt on the part of the liquor element to cast discredit upon the workings of the prohibitory measure, strong men will be required to deal with the situation.

The People's Prohibition Party will also have a delegation before the executive on the same matter, backing up the representations of the Social Service Commission.

The Social Service Commission is already on record as favoring the election of police and licence commissioners, but as this will not be possible this year the organization is desirous of impressing on the Government the necessity of care in the appointment of the commissioners.

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Caprice Talbert, a winsome maiden, lives with her father, a mountaineer, who desires her to marry Tim Baker, a coarse youth of the mountains. A stepmother is jealous of Caprice and makes life miserable for her. Caprice runs away from home.

On the road she meets a gay automobile party, among whom is Jack Edmonds (Harry S. Hilliard), grandson of a venerable artist who lives near Caprice's home.

Jack gives the girl a bundle and asks her to deliver it to his grandfather with a message. Mr. Edmonds tells Caprice a fairy story which opens her eyes to the beauties of the mountains around her own home and induces her to return to her father's house.

Jack goes to his grandfather's mountain home for a hunting trip. Tim, the coarse mountaineer, endeavors to force his attentions upon Caprice, aided and abetted by her stepmother. Parental pressure is brought to bear, and Caprice is about to be forced into a marriage with Tim. In the meantime she has met Jack, whom she considers a "fairy prince." The night of the wedding arrives and Caprice again runs away from home. Jack follows, overtakes her and they eventually marry. But Caprice,



June Caprice, the charming Fox star, in an emotional scene of the photoplay "Caprice of the Mountains," now showing at the Royal Victoria.

unaccustomed to the ways of society, causes Jack great embarrassment, and he resumes the fast life he led before meeting her. He gradually goes to ruin. Caprice leaves him and returns to her old home in the mountains. Jack again renounces his life of dissipation, turns over a new leaf, rejoins his young wife in the mountains and is introduced to his son and heir.

AMUSEMENTS

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With great and quiet hands,
After strong labor and hard-earned repose;
Hands that cut footsteps in the sheer cliff's face,
And feet that, step by step, climbed from the granite's base.

A heart whose seething doubt
The great brain reasoned out;
A face like moon and sun,
Half man's, half woman's—one;
In profile, man—full visaged, woman seems;
Wistful and strong, shy, splendid, full of dreams.

Upon his right the great gray river flows
To meet the Winter seas;
And to his left, above the campus snows,
Rise the lone poplar trees—
Seraphs, that, waiting, to the sun aspire,
Standing with close drawn wings, pointed and tipped with fire.

So tarries he awhile amidst us here,
Brightening our lives a space;
Then, as the winged sphere,
Follows the shining sun that lights his face.

M. E. BUHLER, N.Y. Times.

Viscountess Gladstone.

While the attention of most of the women of Great Britain and of Canada has been fixed upon the men engaged in the terrible conflicts in Europe and the Near East, and while all that is possible has been done for their comfort, most of us, it is to be feared, have forgotten that in Southern Africa soldiers were suffering and dying to maintain the right. Many of these soldiers were but a few short years ago the enemies of the flag under which they have been fighting on the veldt and in the jungles further south. But Viscountess Gladstone has never forgotten that there are discomforts and perils under tropical skies as well as beneath the leaden ones of the north, nor that South Africans have borne and are bearing their part nobly in the great struggle.

When the war broke out she had but recently returned from South Africa, where her husband was the first Governor-General. She gathered round her an earnest band of workers, and, with a full knowledge of the needs of the men in the several fields of war she prepared supplies for them which have been sent regularly ever since. Some of the officers and men whose services were no longer needed nearer home are now in France and elsewhere.

Neither they nor the men who have been left to guard the territory they have taken will be forgotten for Lady Gladstone is as busy now as she was in the first months of the war. She and her helpers are forging links in the bonds of love and gratitude that are drawing the overseas dominions together and which are growing stronger with the passing of time.

A Helpful Article

In the current number of Harper's Magazine, there is an article on Business Women and Women in Business, by Elizabeth Sears, which every wage-earning woman in the city should read. The writer is evidently a business woman herself. She has confidence in her own ability and believes that every girl should put into her work whatever talent she has. She states that eighty-five per cent. of girls who become wage earners do so because of the need of others for the help they can give. The proportion of girls who will never succeed is small and the writer has a hearty and wholesome contempt for girls who expect other people to do their work.

At the same time, she recognizes the right of workers to have pretty things if they can afford them and argues that it may be very good business to escape from the drudgery at home that unfits the worker for the duties for which she is paid, when this is possible. The January Harper's is in the public library but those who can afford to buy it will be glad to read the article at their leisure, as well as the stories and a description of the Verdun front by Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt.

Poetry for Children

All little children love poetry. Almost before it can talk the little one will listen to the nursery rhymes and grown-ups who have a store of jingles are sure to be prime favorites. Mother Goose is among the most precious of childish possession and the little one who has not learned the rhymes unconsciously has missed not only great pleasure but a valuable part of education.

School books cannot be too full of poetry and verse suited to the child's taste and capacity. The gradgrinds who would eliminate it because of its want of practical usefulness or the pedagogues who would suit it to some imagined necessity of education, as they look upon it, should both be banished to some childless world.

The melody and beauty of sentiment are both appreciated by children, for sooner than many older people suppose. There is little need to strive too much after simpleness. A verse which the unspoiled taste of an older critic thinks beautiful will be loved by a child even should it contain long words.

The teacher or parent who devotes time to the reading of poetry in classroom or in home is storing the child's mind with treasures that will last as long as memory itself. It is, nevertheless, a pity that young children should learn to look upon the memorization of poetry as a formal task. Verses learned in order that they may be written down for an examination may be forgotten as facts in history or geography are when the testing time is past. If there is one thing more than another that should be learned for the joy it gives, it is poetry. Verbal memory is not a universal gift, but the familiarity with the thought and feeling of a poem often depend on the appreciation of a teacher. Words, however beautiful, are of little value, unless the meaning of them sinks into the mind and heart. That man or woman is to be pitied who cannot recall poems learned in childhood from books that may have long ago gone out of print. It should be the aim of the makers of the schoolbooks of our day to beautify them with melodious verse and of the teachers to so enter into the spirit of the authors that the children will learn the poems with delight.

The boy or girl who, beginning with Stevenson, Blake, Eugene Field, Whitcomb Riley, Margaret Sangster and other child lovers learns through Longfellow, Lowell, Tennyson, Wordsworth and a few of our Canadian poets to appreciate Shakespeare, Milton and others of the great masters of English poetry is more truly educated than one who, without such training, could carry off honors in every other subject in the curriculum.

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GIVE RECEPTION TO CHILDREN SATURDAY

Winston's Water Lions and Diving Nymphs Will Entertain on Pantages Stage Following Matinee

One of the most remarkable, unusual and sensational headliners that has ever been exhibited at a local vaudeville house, is shown at the Pantages this week. Winston's water lions and diving nymphs present a feature number which elicits admiration from the moment the first rise of the last curtain of the bill discloses its splendid setting. The interest and wonderment increases as the performance proceeds.

The act carries special scenery and the largest glass tank of the kind ever constructed for use on a vaudeville stage. When filled ready for the performance, it contains 6,000 gallons of water and represents a weight of approximately 25 tons. There is more than 90 feet of two-inch plate glass in the huge front which enables the audience to see every move of the swimming nymphs and lions when in the water. It is readily imagined that the management of all these costly details while on tour is a big undertaking in itself, but there are a lot of other troubles which add spice to the life of Herbert Winston, the celebrated trainer of water lions at Monterey, California, and the man who owns the sensational act at Pantages this week.

One of these exciting incidents happened to Mr. Winston when he was last in San Francisco with the act. The press agent had accidently let it be known to the public that it was a $400 a week act. This news did not escape the notice of the income tax collector who made it convenient to call on Mr. Winston at once. In desperation, the trainer appealed to the press agent, who had a bright inspiration. "It is easy," he said, "You see, your salary is but $50 a week. The water lions make the other $350. They can't tax an animal. That would be rank taxation without representation." The matter was thus put up to Collector of Internal Revenue J. J. Scott who held the income taxable unless it was spent on the water lions themselves. So a statement was made to show the high cost of living for water lions. It seems they have to pay two valets $100 a week, and a manicurist $50, need constant medical attention, and it costs them about a dollar a mile to travel. All told, so the statement read, they go through about $300 a week.

The water lions and diving nymphs will give a reception to the children present at the matinee Saturday. They will invite them to the stage following the performance and will be offered the pleasure of asking the performers to repeat the feat most interesting to them in the audience.

The La Scala Sextette are heard to splendid advantage in excerpts from the popular and standard grand operas. They have registered a smashing hit with the audiences this week. All have superb voices and the act is beautifully costumed and staged.

Joe Roberts has some new and fascinating tunes and extracts them from his trusty banjo with all his old-time charm. Joe also scores a big success.

Le Maire and Dawson have a screamingly funny blackface comedy offering that's good for many laughs. Gene Merritt is a dainty singing comedienne with a good voice and a number of tip-top songs. Sterling and Marguerite, man and comely maid, put on "An Athletic Surprise," a happy blending of fast athletic stunts and singing.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN TO ASSIST RED CROSS

Will Make Systematic Collection of Old Newspapers, Magazines and Catalogues —Big Revenue Is Expected.

The school children of Victoria and the adjoining districts have enthusiastically taken in hand the collection of newspapers, magazines, catalogues, etc., for the Red Cross Society, and the enterprise looks like a certain success. The society has made arrangements to dispose of all newspapers, properly folded up and tied in bundles, at $20 per ton in Victoria.

Old magazines, catalogues, copy books, compositions and examination papers, when properly sorted and bundled, are also worth $20 per ton; so are old ledgers, minute and account books, counter books and similar records.

The executive committee of the Red Cross Society realized that the collection of these papers and magazines could be more efficiently done by the school children than by any other agency. The school boards gave the necessary permission and the whole plan was explained to most of the city schools before the holidays, and this will be done at the rest of the schools in the district as soon as they reopen.

It is proposed that each school appoint a committee to manage the business of collecting, sorting and bundling the papers, books, magazines, catalogues, etc., to keep records of quantity, and to develop the enterprise so as to get best results for the school. When a reasonable wagon load, say a ton, is collected the Red Cross will arrange cartage.

About 20,000 papers per day are circulated in Victoria and district. These weigh about 5,000 pounds and would be worth $50 per day to the Red Cross Society. If the schools succeed in saving half of them the monthly income from newspapers alone will be $750.

Everyone is earnestly requested to save their newspapers, old books, magazines and catalogues. It is quite easy to light the fire and wrap the washing with other kinds of waste paper. Where there are no school children in the house, there may be some next door. If not, a message to the principal or one of the teachers at the nearest school will result in a prompt arrangement being made to call for papers, etc., if they cannot conveniently be delivered at the school.

Business houses are requested to assist by bundling up all superfluous account books and records, including counter clips, as well as by saving papers and catalogues, and advising the schools where and when to call for them. Those who have motors or other delivery rigs could help by delivering them at the school in which they are most interested.

It is particularly requested that there should be no interference with papers and magazines being sent to the front or to any military or other public institutions.

This enterprise should commend itself to everyone, as it assists the great Red Cross cause, eliminates waste, promotes thrift and gives an opportunity for a valuable training for the next generation, not only in thrift, but in the business organization required to make the collection a success. For these reasons the Red Cross Society is leaving the whole matter in the hands of the pupils of all the schools and will publish their records at regular intervals.

MARGUERITE CLARK SHOWN AT DOMINION

In the title role of "Miss George Washington," which is the entertaining feature now being shown at the Dominion, Marguerite Clark is seen in one of the most delightful characterizations of her screen career. She infuses into her portrayal a lovable girlishness and the bright abandon of youth's unfettered romancing, which marks the production at once as refreshingly unusual.

Bernice Summers (Miss Clark's character part), is a pupil at a certain young lady's academy. She has bestowed upon her a medal because the Truth Society is convinced that she is a remarkable example of what a veracious girl should be, and with it is given the title of Miss George Washington. She wears her honors with her tongue in her cheek and a wink in her expressive eyes. However, one fib leads to another, and complications follow. There is an entrancing comedy vein running through the story which provides fine opportunity for bringing out the charm of Miss Clark's art. It is one of the very best pictures in which Miss Clark has yet appeared, and one which is making a tremendous appeal to motion picture patrons.

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JUDGE HOWIE TO LECTURE

Prominent Resident of New Westminster Will Address Women's Canadian Club

Judge F. W. Howie, of New Westminster, B.C., will address the next meeting of the Women's Canadian Club to be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 16, at 3 o'clock in the ballroom of the Empress Hotel.

Judge Howie is a native son and a prominent lawyer of British Columbia, who has always been keenly interested in the early history of the Province and in the Pacific Northwest. He has a reputation in literary circles as a brilliant thinker and speaker, and is considered an orator of considerable merit. In 1907 he was made a County Court judge. The subject which he has chosen for the occasion when he will address the Women's Canadian Club is "A Peep Into Pepys—A Rambling Chat Upon the Oldest Diarist, His Time and His Books."

It is fully expected that the members of the club will attend in large numbers. The interest in the meeting will be further enhanced by the announcement that Mrs. W. A. Gourlay will sing.

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A dance will be held in West Saanich Hall on Saturday evening, January 6. Members of West Saanich Women's Institute will provide refreshments. Good music. Admission: Gentlemen, 50c.; ladies, 25c.

Children's Ball Being Arranged—A Fancy Dress Ball is being arranged by Mrs. Mortimer Appleby for children and the younger set, to be held in the Empress Hotel ballroom on Friday, January 12, from 6 to 11 p.m., in aid of the funds of the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E. Tickets, which are 50 cents each, may be obtained at T. N. Hibben & Company's Store, and at the Empress Hotel. Fancy dress is optional. Refreshments will be served to children only.

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HOW TO PICK THE PLUMS HIS PROBLEM

Darcy Is Faced With the Embarrassment of Having to Choose From Many Tempting Offers to Make Big Money

The problem now facing Les Darcy, after successfully solving that of evading the military authorities of his native country, is to pick the easiest way of raking in the American dollars he has admittedly crossed the ocean in search of. The American public want to see him, the promoters want to use him and he will virtually be given the privilege of selecting his own opponents.

Starting with the soft ones, a wise manager could collect a tremendous fortune before Darcy—if he is as good as wise men have said he is—would even face serious danger of defeat.

A New York dispatch says there are plenty of middleweights or near middleweights in the United States who, matched against Darcy, would help to draw a crowd which would test the capacity of any arena and would make the competition interesting. The promoters are tumbling over themselves in their anxiety to get a match for the Australian and the boxers are no more tardy in expressing their anxiety to climb through the ropes with Darcy.

Mike Gibbons leads the van. Darcy would stamp himself as a marvel if he defeated Mike. Then there is Jack Dillon, a bear in the ring; George K. O. Brown, who kept Darcy busy through two 20-round bouts in Australia; Billy Miske, who has recently created havoc among the cluster of heavyweights in New York; Al McCoy, claimant of the middleweight title because of a kayo landed on George Chip two years ago; Billy Weeks, Canadian champion; Jeff Smith, Jack McCarron, Gus Christie, Harry Greb, Tom Gibbons and last, but not least, George Chip.

If reports that Darcy is willing to mix with heavyweights are true the field will be enlarged and likewise slightly improved.

Heavyweights Also

Passing Jess Willard up as too big, Darcy might test his wares against Carl Morris or Tom Cowler, or Battling Levinsky, or Bob Moha, or Charley Weinert, or Bill Brennan, or Frank Moran, or Gunboat Smith.

Reisler Takes Money

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—John J. Reisler, manager of the Harlem A.C., announces that he is prepared to guarantee Les Darcy the sum of $30,000 for a ten-round bout with the winner of the Billy Miske-Charley Weinert bout, which will be held next week. To bind the match, Reisler added, he is ready to post a certified cheque for $5,000 as a guarantee of good faith.

Reisler also stated that the match, if it materializes, would be staged at a place which he has in mind where it would be possible to seat 12,000 and accommodate an attendance of 15,000 comfortably.

Canadian Mixed From

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 3.—Billy Weeks, claimant of the Canadian middleweight championship, is among a score of well-known 158-pounders scrambling for a match with Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight. Weeks is prepared to post $2,500 to land a match.

Colonist Bowling Teams

On Monday next at 3 p.m. teams representing the Newsroom and the Pressroom of The Colonist will play a match at the Arcade Bowling Alleys.

Veteran Sprinter Gone

The death occurred at Nanaimo on New Year's Day of Henry Lewis, a native of Rhondda Valley, Wales. In his prime he was one of the world's fastest sprinters, and for thirty years held the world's championship for 150 yards. He was 62 years of age.

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RIVAL MANAGERS TRY TO BLOCK CONTEST

Tex Rickard Says Jealous Promoters Have Written to French Authorities to Stop Carpentier Coming

The New York Sun says: Tex Rickard has a grievance, and, while he does not indulge in loud lament, those cold blue eyes of his sparkled dangerously recently, as he spoke of the matter that disturbed him.

"I had the honor to initiate the movement to bring Georges Carpentier, the French soldier-boxer, to this country for a boxing bout. I do not declare that I was actuated by philanthropy. But I did suggest that the release of the French champion would probably result in the French war relief funds gaining materially.

"This suggestion met with the approval of a number of prominent American women who are interested in war relief work. They lent their assistance to the movement and have been untiring in their efforts to obtain a furlough for Carpentier. The boxer is more than willing to come, which he has signified by signing the contract I sent to him.

"It was therefore with considerable astonishment that I learned definitely that certain boxing managers in this city have been employing all their spare time in writing letters to the French military authorities protesting against the granting of a furlough to Carpentier. While I do not think these letters will defeat the plan, they have had the effect of delaying action by the French officials.

"It seems strange that a plan of the magnitude of the one I started cannot be permitted to proceed without the petty attacks to which it has been subjected. However, in spite of this interference I will succeed in my undertaking."

OLD-TIME RULES NO WSSEM FREAKISH

Baseball Batter of a Generation Ago Could Call for the Ball He Desired From Pitcher

Many of the old-time rules governing baseball now seem very freakish to the fans, but the one which seems strangest of all, perhaps, was that which gave the "knocker" or "striker" the privilege of demanding from the pitcher a high or a low ball. It was at a meeting held in New York 46 years ago, November 30, 1870, that this rule was adopted. Up to 1870 the pitcher could heave the pellet where he pleased, but the knocker didn't have to take a smash at it until he was good and ready. That was pie for the batsman, but tough on the hard-working pitcher and the sweltering spectators.

In the games of 1870 the pitcher was required to put the ball over "fairly for the striker," and if the latter let good ones go by strikes were called on him, and if the third good one was caught either before it touched the ground or on the first bound the batsman was out. However, no strike was called on the first ball pitched, unless the striker struck at it and missed it. The rule adopted in November, 1870, which gave the striker the privilege of calling for a high one or a low one, was put into effect the following season, which was the first year of the National Association, the forerunner of the National League. A high ball was defined as between shoulder and waist, and a low one was between waist and knee.

If the batter got what was ordered from the pitcher, and didn't strike at it, a strike was called on him anyway. If the striker didn't exercise a preference, a strike was called on him if the ball was "fair," which meant between the shoulder and the knee. After 1876 the batter had to call for either a high, low or fair ball. This practice, which now seems so absurd, was not abolished until 1887. Imagine Ty Cobb being privileged to call for the sort of ball he wanted!

MILITARY PRESIDENT IS DOING GOOD WORK

Major Robinson is out to clean up the N. H. A. games this season. He has appointed only three officials to handle the games, E. H. Pulford, who will handle the Montreal games; Dr. W. G. Wood, who will handle the games in Toronto, and Cooper Smeaton, who will be on the business end of the bill in Ottawa and Quebec.

Whether one man can handle the pro. games remains to be seen and is causing considerable conjecture in the minds of the eastern fans.

Rowdyism, playing to the gallery and any other line of action that tends to discourage the public from attending the games, will be handled by the soldier-president without gloves. He is determined to see that the public gets its money's worth.

THEIR ANNUAL BATH

All Records Broken by Olympic Club Members Indulging in Annual New Year's Plunge

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 3.—All records for numbers of participants were broken here in the annual plunge into the surf by members of the Olympic Club, who for years under the leadership of the late William Greer Harrison, have made this a New Year's Day event.

More than 300 sturdy athletes, many of them past fifty years of age, took the plunge in the cold waters just below the Cliff House. The walk through the park was made in fifty-one minutes, a distance of four and a half miles, breaking the former record of fifty-five minutes.

HUGE SUM OFFERED BY TOM O'ROURKE

Declares He Has $100,000 for Bout Between Willard and Carpentier, Provided Neither Boxes Previously

Tom O'Rourke yesterday came out with an offer of $100,000 for a bout between Jess Willard and Georges Carpentier, the European heavyweight champion. This offer is conditional on neither boxer participating in a bout previously, and it is O'Rourke's intention to stage the match, if successful in securing it, either in April or May. O'Rourke added that he would give the boxers the sum of $10,000 each for the motion picture privileges.

Champion Cyclist Killed

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Emil Friol, the French cyclist, who twice won the world's short-distance championship, and was three times sprint cycling champion of France, has been killed in action on the Somme. He had done good service as a dispatch rider on his motorcycle

PORTLAND MANAGER'S CONDITION IMPROVES

Ed Savage's First Question on Regaining Consciousness Was as to the Result of Hockey Match

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3—In spite of a skull fractured near the base on the right hand side and a concussion of the brain, T. H. Savage, manager of the Portland hockey team, stands a good chance of recovery. Savage was injured one week ago last Friday, when the motor car in which he was riding was crushed between two street cars coming from opposite directions. At first it was thought that there was no chance for his recovery, but he has hung on tenaciously.

Practically the first question he asked after recovering consciousness was concerning the score of the game between Portland and Vancouver, which was played at Vancouver. He was told that Portland had won, seven to four, which was untrue, but satisfied him. Since then he is fully conscious part of the time and seems destined to recover if no complications set in.

SYNDICATE SECURES MADISON GARDEN

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The historic Madison Square Garden, which was bid in by the New York Life Insurance Company at a foreclosure sale a short time ago to protect a mortgage, was purchased yesterday by a syndicate headed by W. Carman Roberts. It was said that if alterations which are to be made result in a satisfactory financial return the arena will be continued, but if not it will be torn down at the end of the year to make way for commercial structures.

VANCOUVER PLAYERS LEAVE FOR PHOENIX

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 3.—Three Vancouver hockey players, Russ Burnett, Ran Irvin, and Jim Seaborn, the first two of them amateurs, have decided to play for the Phoenix team of the Boundary League, and were to have left the city last night for the Interior town. Seaborn just failed to make good as a pro with the Vancouver Millionaires, but should go well in semi-pro company, while Burnett and Irvin should be able to catch a place and hold it. Irvin especially has done some fine work in goal in the past few seasons and is, perhaps, the best amateur net guardian in these parts.

SOCER SCHEDULE IS PUT BACK A WEEK

A meeting of the Victoria and District Football Association was not considered necessary this week, there being no business to transact. The games in the senior and intermediate soccer league, which were not played on Saturday last, owing to the unplayable state of all the local grounds, will take place this coming Saturday as follows:

Senior League

Victoria Wests vs. B.C. Bantams, at Beacon Hill, referee B. H. Robinson; V.I. A.A. vs. Willows Camp, at the Willows, referee P. C. Payne; Garrison vs. Navy, at Work Point, referee A. Lockley.

Intermediate League

Centrals vs. James Bays at Central Park, referee, Sgt. Telfer; Congos vs. Retailers, at Beacon Hill upper ground, referee, P. Pike.

DARCY PICKS McCOY

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Les Darcy, the Australian pugilist, has decided to end the squabble over the middleweight crown that once graced the head of Stanley Ketchel. The visitor from the Antipodes has issued an open letter in which he invites Al McCoy, he of one punch fame, to come out and fight.

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Vancouver	4	4	42	43	.500
Spokane	4	4	36	41	.500
Portland	4	5	46	43	.444

Racing as Usual

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Because of the inclusion of the new Kenilworth track at Windsor, which will henceforth race under the sanction and regulations of the Canadian Racing Associations, the list of dates for this year's racing on the recognized Canadian tracks is slightly longer than last year's. Apart from this the arrangement of dates shows little change from the order that has prevailed for years.

The Usual Result

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 3.—Before the largest crowd that ever gathered on the Pacific Coast to watch a wrestling bout, Ad Santel, Pacific Coast champion, and Strangler Lewis, of Kentucky, wrestled here last night to a draw, neither man securing a fall. According to the terms of the match a decision was to be rendered in such event and the referee decided that the contestants broke even on points. Two and a half hours was the limit set for the contest.

Longer in Honolulu

Ludy Langer, of the Los Angeles A. C., holder of several world's swimming records, has settled down in Honolulu, where his parents have now joined him. He will hereafter wear the colors of the Hui Nalu, the club represented by Kahanamoku, Krueger, Cunha and most of the other leading Hawaiian water men.

Lacrosse Player Dies

CORNWALL, Jan. 3.—Joseph Constant, former well-known lacrosse player of Montreal and Cornwall, died suddenly at his home here New Year's Day after a short illness with pneumonia. He was 38 years of age.

Veteran Baseballer Dies

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 3—Reindeer A. Wolters, forty years ago a widely known baseball pitcher, died at his home here today at the age of seventy-one. He is said to have been the first pitcher to shut out a team without a hit, setting that record in a game with Chicago on July 10, 1870.

Eastern Hockey

At Quebec—Canadiens, 4; Quebec, 2.
At Montreal—Ottawas, 10; Wanderers, 5.
At Toronto—228th Battalion, 4; Torontos, 0.

MISS YOUNG COMING

Clara Kimball Young, surrounded by a cast of exceptional brilliance, will be seen at the Royal Victoria Monday, January 8th, for four days, in the Selznick-Picture production of Robert W. Chambers' novel, "The Common Law." This is the first of this universally popular star's presentation at the head of her own producing company, and has been widely heralded as a veritable triumph of film art.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT POULTRY SHOW

Quality of Exhibits Shown at Market Building Is Exceptionally Fine—Returned Soldiers' Have Some Good Pens.

There was a very good attendance yesterday for the opening day of the South Vancouver Island Poultry Association's show being held in the Market Building, and many appreciative comments were heard on the quantity and quality of the exhibition. One of the attractive features is the exhibit of the returned soldiers, which is well displayed near the entrance, some very good utility pens being shown, as well as some fine specimens of Belgian hares. The quality of the rabbits in the show, which were judged by Mr. Tait, the Sutherland expert, was pronounced by him to be extra good, which is well in keeping with the show taken as a whole.

The Cloverdale branch of the Red Cross Society is in charge of the collection of the admission fees during the entire week. The admission charged is only ten cents, which should mean that all who have the slightest interest in poultry either commercially or as a hobby, should be certain to pay at least one visit during the week.

Judging started yesterday at 10 o'clock, the following being the awards made:

Partridge Wyandottes—Cock, 1st and 2nd, R. Wilson, Vancouver; 3rd, W. Preston, Victoria; cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 5th, Jos. Lund, Victoria; 3rd, 4th and 5th, R. Wilson, Vancouver.

Silver Laced Wyandottes—All awards to Wm. Pye, Oak Bay.

White Wyandottes—Cock, 1st, Seaview Poultry Farm, Victoria; cockerel, 1st, Stanley Eden, Victoria; 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Wm. Pye, Oak Bay; hen, 1st, R. Wilkie, Victoria, B.C.; 2nd, Stanley Eden, Victoria; 3rd, J. Laity, Victoria; 4th, Wm. Pye, Oak Bay.

Single Comb Rhode Island Reds—Cock, 1st, D. Nicol, Victoria, B. C.; 2nd, M. L. Calvert, Victoria; 3rd, W. Mathews, Cedar Hill. Cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th, W. Mathews; 3rd, D. Nicol. Hens, 1st and 3rd, D. Nicol; 2nd, W. Mathews. Pullets, 1st, 2nd and 4th, D. Nicol; 3rd, Judge Lampman.

Buff Orpingtons—Cock, 1st, Jas. Wood, Victoria; 2nd, G. Bonner, Cedar Hill; 3rd, A. Cornett, Victoria. Cockerel, 1st, Jas. Wood, Victoria; 2nd, H. Gardler, Victoria; 3rd, A. Cornett, Victoria. Hen, 1st and 2nd, Jas. Wood, Victoria; 3rd, G. Marchmont, Cobble Hill; 4th, A. Corrett, Victoria. Pullets, 1st and 4th, G. Marchmont; 2nd and 5th, J. Wood; 3rd, H. Gardler.

Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds—W. H. Willins, city, all awards.

White Cornish—F. Buxton, Esquimalt, all awards.

Speckled and Light Sussex—W. H. B. Medd, Saltspring Island, all awards.

Red Sussex—Pullet, 1st, W. H. B. Medd; 2nd and 3rd, O. P. Stainer, Cobble Hill.

Blue Orpingtons—W. H. Vanarum, Cadboro Bay Road, all awards.

Faverolles—John Sarsiat, Victoria, all awards.

New Ontarios—J. R. Terry, all awards.

Utility, single entry, non weight variety—Male, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, H. A. Hincks, Langford. Female, 1st, H. A. Hincks, Langford.

Utility, single entry, weight variety—Male, H. A. Ismay, 1st; Judge Lampman, 2nd; H. A. Hincks, 3rd. Female, 1st Judge Lampman; 2nd and 3rd, H. A. Hincks.

Utility pens, weight variety—1st, H. A. Ismay, Victoria; 2nd, H. A. Hincks, Langford; 3rd, Judge Lampman, Victoria.

Utility pens, non-weight variety—1st, H. A. Hincks, Langford; 2nd, R. Waterhouse, Langford.

Eggs—One dozen brown, 1st, G. E. Bonner, Cobble Hill; 2nd, Judge Lampman, city; 3rd, Mrs. Rudd, Victoria. One dozen white, 1st, Mrs. Rudd; 2nd, H. A. Hincks; 3rd, Beatrice Wilson. One dozen tested, 1st and 2nd, Dean Bros., Keatings.

Best pair fowl—All awards to Mrs. Rudd.

Belgian Hares—Buck, 1st and 3rd, Ella E. Girling; 2nd, Norman B. Fatt, Victoria. Doe, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Norman B. Fatt, Victoria.

Flemish Giants—Norman B. Fatt, all awards.

DETERMINED HE WILL NOT RUN CLOSED SHOP

Portland Concern Posts $10,000 and Declares There Will Be No Surrender in Shipbuilding Strike.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.—Simultaneously with the visit of a voluntary committee of union men on strike at two local shipbuilding plants, asking that City Commissioner George L. Baker act as intermediary in an effort to bring the trouble to a conclusion, H. C. Ball, president of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, where more than 300 men are out, posted a notice that his company would forfeit $10,000 to nonunion men now being employed and any of the union men who come back in a few days, if the company signed up or completely met the closed shop demands of the unions.

The notice was posted in reply to statements alleged to have been circulated that the company would sign up. The guarantee, Mr. Ball said, was absolute and meant to last throughout 1917.

City Commissioner Baker held four conferences with the strikers and company officials of the two plants concerned today in an effort to bring about a conference.

The union officials have made plans for carrying the strike into other cities, where products of the local plants affected by the strike are used, but the companies say this has not reached a seriously threatening stage.

The Williamette Iron & Steel Works is reorganizing its working force. The Northwest Steel Company will attempt to resume operations tomorrow. The strike to date has called out about 1,100 men.

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A Few of the Great Values Being Offered During Our January Sale

January Clearance of Women's Tweed Suits

Regular Values to $25.00. January Sale $9.00

At this price you can choose from a splendid range of Tweed Suits in grey, brown and heather mixtures. They are made in semi-tailored and novelty styles, lined with a splendid quality silk. Skirts are cut on wide lines.

Women's Suits, regular values to $35.00. January Sale price $21.50
Women's Suits, regular values to $55.00. January Sale price $27.50

Women's Novelty Coats Greatly Reduced for Clearance

Regular Values to $45.00. January Sale $13.50

This is the greatest bargain we have offered on Novelty Coats. They come in long and three-quarter lengths. Made in the more extreme styles from velvet cord, leopard cloth and fancy all-wool tweeds. All are lined with best quality satin.

Women's Coats. Values up to $28.50. January Sale Price $17.50

Women's Corsets Greatly Reduced

Corsets, made of heavy white coutil, with long hips, medium bust, four hose supporters, with three hooks below clasp; prettily trimmed with silk embroidery. Sizes to 28. Reg. value $1.50. January Sale .. $1.00

"Modart" Front-Laced Corsets; in sizes 19 to 32. Reg. values $5.00 to $12.00. To be cleared at ..... Half-Price

January Sale of Silks, Coatings and Dress Goods

Silks. Included in this lot are heavy Pailette Silk, Striped and Floral Washing Silks, Taffetas, Pongees, Foulards and other oddments. Widths 19 to 36 in. Values to $1.25. Sale price, yard ..... 65¢

Silks. In this lot you can choose from Striped Taffetas, Foulards, All-Silk Brocades and heavy quality Messalines. Values to $2.00. Sale price, per yard $1.25

Tweeds, including Donegal checks and self-coloring effects, 40 and 42 in. wide. Sale price, yard ..... 85¢

White Corduroy Velvet, 27 in. wide. Sale price, yard 58¢

Astrachans, in nigger brown, Russian green and saxe blue, 52 in. wide. Regular $4.00. Sale price, yard $2.95

Remainder of Our Coatings All Reduced for January Sale

Special Clearance of Women's Taffeta Underskirts

Women's Underskirts, made of good quality taffeta silk, with wide circular frill finished with narrow ruching and frills. These come in black only.

Values to $3.95. Sale Price $1.85
Values to $5.00. Sale Price $2.85

Clearance of Women's Novelty Skirts

Regular Values to $20.00. January Sale $7.50

An unusually fine range of Women's Novelty Skirts for afternoon and evening wear. They come in black satin and taffetas, Roman striped taffetas, voiles and serges, in navy and black. We cannot urge you too strongly to see these Skirts, as the values are exceptional.

Bargains From the Staple Dept.

Flannelette Blankets, size 68 x 72. Price $1.60
Flannelette Blankets, size 72 x 81. Price $1.95
Terry Towels, 18 x 34 inches. Price, each ..... 15¢
Terry Towels, 18 x 40 inches. Price, each ..... 25¢
Terry Towels, 21 x 43 inches. Price, each ..... 40¢
White Flannelette, 27 inches wide. Yard ..... 15¢
Striped Flannelette, 32 inches wide. Yard ..... 15¢

Specials From the Bargain Basement

Ladies' Corsets, made of strong white coutil with four hose-supporters. Regular value $1.00. Special ..... 85¢
White Sheeting, 2 yards wide. A yard ..... 30¢
White Sheeting, 2¼ yards wide. A yard ..... 35¢
White Sheeting, 2½ yards wide. A yard ..... 45¢
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ESQUIMALT TO VOTE ON REFERENDUM

Residents Will Decide Whether Saturday or Wednesday Should Be Made Half-Holiday—Council Business.

The by-law authorizing the holding of a referendum on the Half-Holiday Closing Act in Esquimalt was reconsidered, adopted, and finally passed last night by the Municipal Council. It was decided to ask the ratepayers to make their choice between Wednesday and Saturday, and the vote on the referendum will be taken on Saturday, January 13, when the municipal election will also take place.

At last night's meeting Councillor Mesher reported that he had made a canvass among the storekeepers of the district, and all had favored making the holiday optional between Saturday and Wednesday, instead of Thursday, as had been suggested.

The by-law arranging for the loan of $16,394 to meet this year's debit balance of that amount passed its first and second readings.

The payment of accounts aggregating $3,130.51 was authorized.

The council, acting upon a letter from Capt. W. E. Oliver, of the 88th Fusiliers, which asked for the municipality's assistance in recruiting, decided to post public notices about the municipality, stating that it was the council's opinion that all unmarried employees of the township should enlist, unless satisfactory reasons could be given for not doing so. It was mentioned incidentally that the single men working for the municipality capable of bearing arms were very few.

A letter was received from the B.C. Electric Railway Company complimenting Esquimalt on the efficiency of its police force, as evidenced by the dispatch with which Chief Palmer apprehended the party guilty of stealing a fare-box from an Esquimalt street car. Councillors expressed their gratification at the receipt of such a testimonial, showing as it did that the municipal police was fully alive to its duty.

TO MAINTAIN SECRECY

Cunard and Anchor Lines Instruct Agents Regarding Sailing of Vessels

Local agents are in receipt of advice from the Cunard and Anchor Steamship lines calling their attention to the fact that announcements of sailing dates have been discontinued for the present. They also instruct that any sailing lists, including posters, now in the possession of agents are to be destroyed and when inquiries are made by persons who contemplate a visit to Great Britain, agents will ascertain the date on which such persons desire to sail and the accommodation required.

Upon receipt of such information, the companies will at once advise the agents of the steamer, date of sailing and accommodation they can offer. Both are British lines operating out of New York, the Cunard line to Liverpool and London and the Anchor line to Glasgow.

Like a Boy at 50 Bubbling Over With Vitality—Taking Iron Did It

Doctor says Nuxated Iron is greatest of all strength builders—Often increases the strength and endurance of delicate, nervous folks 200 per cent in two weeks' time.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Not long ago a man came to me who was nearly half a century old and asked me to give him a preliminary examination for life insurance. I was astonished to find him with the blood pressure of a boy of 20 and as full of vigor, vim and vitality as a young man; in fact a young man he really was notwithstanding his age. The secret he said was taking iron-nuxated iron had filled him with renewed life. At 30 he was in bad health; at 46 careworn and nearly all in. Now at 50 a miracle of vitality and his face beaming with the buoyancy of youth. As I have said a hundred times over, iron is the greatest of all strength builders. If people would only throw away patent medicines and nauseous concoctions and take simple nuxated iron, I am convinced that the lives of thousands of persons might be saved, who now die every year from pneumonia, grippe, consumption, kidney, liver and heart trouble, etc. The real and true cause which started their diseases was nothing more nor less than a weakened condition brought on by lack of iron in the blood. Iron is absolutely necessary to enable your blood to change food into living tissue. Without it, no matter how much or what you eat, your food merely passes through you without doing you any good. You don't get the strength out of it and as a consequence you become weak, pale and sickly looking just like a plant trying to grow in a soil deficient in iron. If you are not strong or well you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weks. Then test your strength again and see for yourself how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people who were ailing all the while, double their strength and endurance and entirely get rid of all symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form. And this after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. But don't take the old forms of reduced iron, iron acetate or tincture of iron simply to save a few cents. You must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated like nuxated iron if you want it to do you any good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless. Many an athlete or prize-fighter has won the day simply because he knew the secret of great strength and endurance and filled his blood with iron before he went into the affray, while many another has gone down to inglorious defeat simply for the lack of iron—**E. Sauer, M.D.**

Note—Nuxated Iron, recommended above by Dr. Sauer, is not a patent medicine nor secret remedy, but one which is well known to druggists and whose iron constituents are widely prescribed by eminent physicians everywhere. Unlike the older inorganic iron products it is easily assimilated, does not injure the teeth, make them black, nor upset the stomach, on the contrary, it is a most potent remedy in nearly all forms of indigestion, as well as for nervous, run-down conditions. The manufacturers have such great confidence in Nuxated Iron that they offer to forfeit $100 to any charitable institution if they cannot take any man or woman under 60 who lacks iron and increase their strength 200 per cent or over in four weeks' time, provided they have no serious organic trouble. They also offer to refund your money if it does not at least double your strength and endurance in ten days' time. It is dispensed in this city by Cyrus H. Bowes and all other druggists.

TO PRESENT "HIAWATHA"

Daisy Chain Chapter, I.O.D.E., to Give Pretty Play at Old Victoria Theatre on Saturday Evening

If one may judge by the successful rehearsals for the production of "Hiawatha," the dramatized version of which was arranged by Miss Helen Badgley, the well-known elocutionist, the old Victoria Theatre should be well filled on Saturday evening, when the members of the Daisy Chain Chapter, I.O.D.E., will present this pretty little play.

Miss Charlotte Spencer, who is assisting in the part of Chibiabos, "the sweet singer," will render a solo, and members of Mrs. Roberts' orchestra will assist in the musical part of the programme, which will be typically Indian in character. The final dress rehearsal will be held on Friday.

Tickets for the entertainment have been placed on sale at the Angus Campbell Co., Ltd., Williams' Drug Store, Short, Hill & Duncan's, Fletcher Bros., Cochrane's, and D. E. Campbell's.

Following is the cast and the order of the programme:

Prologue, spoken by..Miss May Dorrell
Hiawatha, the young brave.....
.....Miss Margaret Campbell
Hiawatha, a little boy..Miss Mary Ross
Minne-ha-ha, Hiawatha's wife.....
..... Miss Katie Collison
Nokomis, Hiawatha's grandmother
..... Miss Dorothy McDiarmid
I-a-goo, boaster and friend of Nokomis ..... Miss Laura Macklin
Pau-pa-keewis, fop and best dancer,
..... Miss Mabel Rhodes
The Arrowmaker, Minne-ha-ha's father ..... Miss Dorothy Nicol
Chiabos, the sweet singer.....
.....Miss Charlotte Spencer
Lazy Kwasind, the strong man....
..... Miss Aldersey Hallam
Priest ..... Miss Dorothy Nicol
Whiteman ..... Miss Doris Macklin
Mondamin, incarnation of Indian Maize ..... Miss Doris Macklin
First Ghost ..... Miss Dorothy Nicol
Second Ghost .....Miss Doris Macklin
Maidens of Ojibway and Dacotah Tribes—Misses Mary Campbell, Mona Miller, Thurley Wilkerson, Dorothy Norris, Enid Brown, Lillian Norris, Peggy Humber.
Squaws—Misses Marjorie Brewster, Edith Eilers, Millicent Umbach, Emily Hannington.
Braves—Misses Dorothy Robertson, Violet Josephs, Kathleen Rogers, Christine Ross, Kathleen Muir.

SYMPATHIZES WITH CAUSE OF ALLIES

American Alpine Club Sends Gratifying New Year's Message to Alpine Club of Canada

On New Year's Eve, Mr. S. H. Mitchell, of Sidney, secretary of the Alpine Club of Canada, received the following telegram from the American Alpine Club, with headquarters at New York, embodying a resolution of sympathy with the British nation and its Allies:

"We take pleasure in transmitting the following minutes unanimously adopted by a standing vote at the annual dinner of the American Alpine Club: The members and guests of the American Alpine Club assembled in the city of New York, while affirming their undivided allegiance to the United States, desire to place on record their deep sympathy with the English nation in the mighty struggle for the liberties of mankind in which it and its Allies are now engaged. Although citizens of a neutral nation, we share with the subjects of England those unspeakably great traditions of freedom, of justice and of law which are the common inheritance from the mother nation of all the peoples of the English-speaking world. To a struggle which involves that inheritance we cannot, as individuals, remain indifferent. We desire to place on record our deepest admiration of the heroism and self-sacrifice shown by England and her Allies, to express our absolute confidence that such heroism and self-sacrifices ensure the ultimate triumph of justice and the continuance of the freedom of the world, and to assure our brethren of the Alpine Club and of the Alpine Club of Canada of our deep and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their suffering and splendid self-sacrifice in the cause of mankind.

"CHAS. E. FAY,
President.
"R. H. CHAPMAN,
Secretary."

The following telegram was sent in reply:

"The Alpine Club of Canada very deeply appreciates the splendid resolution of sympathy with the English nation and its Allies adopted by the American Alpine Club at their annual dinner on the thirtieth December.

"We feel that the sentiments therein expressed are worthy of the best traditions of the great American nation, that they are sent in a most friendly spirit and that they will lend strength to our endeavors to carry the war to a successful issue, thereby restoring the rights of small nations and freeing them from oppression and slavery.

"ARTHUR O. WHEELER,
Director.
"S. H. MITCHELL,
Secretary."

RED CROSS WORK

Meeting to Be Held This Evening for Organization of the Fernwood Branch

The meeting this evening for the organization of the Fernwood branch of the Red Cross Association will be held in the auditorium of the Girls' Central School, corner of Fernwood and Yates. A number of the residents of the Fernwood district have called up the organizer, Mr. T. H. Slater, by telephone, intimating that they thought the place for meeting was too far away for them to attend, and they were under the impression that the Fernwood branch would have its room for work near the above place. The organizer was unable to get a room in a more central location. He applied for a room in the High School, but on account of heating expense, it was decided to take the Central School for the organization meeting.

At this meeting the committee appointed will select a place where the work room will be situated, and as in the different branches throughout the city all these rooms are donated to the Red Cross by the owners, it is hoped that some public-spirited citizen will offer a place somewhere in the neighborhood of Fernwood and Gladstone, at the end of the Fernwood carline. The organizer has been offered the loan of one machine and it is hoped that others will come forward.

Any persons who are unable to attend this meeting, but who are willing to work, may telephone their names to 4899. They will be placed on record, just the same as if they had been in attendance.

The books for the organization of the James Bay branch will be placed in stores in that vicinity today. The names for future members of the Fairfield branch are being turned in very slowly at the stores, where the books have been left for signatures. Fifty names must be signed before the branch can be formed.

Dr. Atwood Sentenced

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Dr. Eldridge Atwood, who killed Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, president of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, last July, entered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to life imprisonment.



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To the Electors of the City of Victoria

Having served you as an Alderman for 1916, I have the ambition to aspire for the same honor in 1917.

Your vote and influence solicited towards my return.

Walter Walker

FOR ALDERMAN
J. Ivan Seabrook

I want the trust of your vote and influence. I ask it, knowing the responsibility at this time to our city.

To the Electors of Victoria

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am candidate for Alderman, and solicit your vote and influence.

A. A. HUMBER.

TO THE ELECTORS CITY OF VICTORIA

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having made my home in the city of Victoria and being a property holder, I feel that my large and varied business experience could be of service to the citizens of this my adopted city.

I am therefore offering myself as Alderman at the forthcoming civic election.

My policy is:
Progress, Thrift, Efficiency.
Your vote will be appreciated.
Yours truly,
E. B. ANDROS.
644 Linden Ave., Jan. 4, 1917.

For Alderman

To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

I beg to announce myself as candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and would respectfully solicit your support on my past record.

WILLIAM LUNEY, Senior.

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ZAFIRO WILL SAIL AGAIN AS SCHOONER

Will Be in Commission in May—Costing $90,000 to Reconstruct Vessel With Powerful Auxiliary.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 3.—Mr. Charles Godson, of Vancouver, is the man who is reconstructing the steamer Zafiro and the sum of $90,000 is being spent in fitting the vessel for another spell of seafaring after some years of idleness. With the exception of the engine, all contracts will be let locally and Mr. William Howie has been given the contract for cleaning out the hull and old boilers. The contract for the engine has been given to the Atlas people, who will install a five hundred horse power engine, which will give the ship a speed of nine knots. The contract for plank sheathing has not been let, but will be awarded locally. Norwegian interests and a Chicago firm are already negotiating, but Mr. Godson said today that an English concern with whom he is in negotiation may take delivery of the vessel.

The reconstruction of the Zafiro comes as the result of the tremendous shortage of tonnage caused by the war and the corresponding jump in freight rates. The Zafiro was formerly a British steamer and at the battle of Manila Bay, when Dewey ran short of coal, he bought ship and cargo. Some years ago the Zafiro, which is a steel vessel, brought up in Seattle and was bought by a Vancouver man, who practically stripped her. Since then she has been moored at North Vancouver and now she is undergoing alterations which will send her to sea again but this time she will use sails and auxiliary power.

The job is under the superintendence of Captain S. F. Mackenzie and the steel hull will be sheathed with three and a half inches of planking. The vessel will step three masts, carrying the fore-and-after rig of a schooner and the big auxiliary engine will be shipped well aft. Accommodation for the master will be provided amidships, while the chief engineer and his assistants and the mates will find their accommodations in the stern. The hatches will be enlarged and there will be three of these, each eleven feet wide by twenty feet long. The vessel will burn electric light and will have sufficient fuel capacity to take her on a voyage of 5,000 miles. As a steamer, the Zafiro carried about 800 tons dead weight. As a motor ship she will carry 1,800 tons dead weight and 2,200 tons measurement. Mr. Godson declares that she will be a most economical vessel to run and will be in commission early this year, May at the latest. The reconstruction of this vessel at North Vancouver is attracting considerable interest among shipping men. One of the few other cases of a steamer being turned into a sailing ship is that of the Chilian four-masted barque Curzon, which has loaded lumber here on many occasions but she has an auxiliary engine, as the Zafiro will have.

PACIFIC SS. COMPANY TO PURCHASE SHIPS

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 3.—The Pacific Steamship Company of Seattle, announced today that it expects to close tomorrow negotiations for the purchase of the steamer Grace Dollar and for the charter with the option of purchase of the steamer Northland.

It is expected both vessels will be placed in the Seattle-Alaska trade by the Pacific Steamship Company.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

As I am a candidate for the office of chief magistrate of this city, I herewith place before you my views on some of the most important questions that may come before the Municipal Council in the ensuing year. There are many matters of pressing moment to the citizens, all involving financial consideration, with which I shall fully deal, but the health, the environment of the people and the education of our children should receive first consideration. Without this, our greatest asset, our material resources would be of very little value, hence I do not hesitate to place the protection and development of our best asset first.

HEALTH

"We must have a clean city. With that end in view I favor the extension of the sewer system wherever necessary, the maintenance of our bathing beaches and the strict surveillance over streets and over sections of the city that are liable to become a menace to the health of our citizens. I favor the appointment of a Health Officer on full time, so that not only the high standard of efficiency in this department may be maintained, but that officers and institutions for the care of the sick and needy may be carefully and fully supervised."

PUBLIC MORALS

"I am heartily in accord with the strong sentiment favoring a clean, moral city. The proper development of our children and the conservation of the best interests of our people demand the strict enforcement of law without discrimination. I shall, if elected, fearlessly and honestly observe my oath of office, enforce the laws enacted for the government of the city, and hold the officers of the law to a strict account for the full performance of their duty. With a view to giving the people more control over the Police Commissioners, who are entrusted with law enforcement, I shall do my best to secure the power to elect them to their positions."

EDUCATION

"The education of our children shall have my hearty support. To maintain our schools to the proper standard of efficiency we must provide the needed equipment and the best possible teachers. The orphan and homeless children must have the same care and training as those in more favored circumstances."

FINANCES

"The administration of the civic finances will have my most careful consideration and attention. To maintain public confidence I shall make searching inquiry into every department of finance. If elected I shall immediately request the Council to give facilities for an independent audit of all our books and accounts. I favor a yearly audit of our affairs by a Government auditor, but in the meantime I shall give the fullest publicity to our affairs. The large undertakings and abnormal expenditures of the past few years have increased the charges against our income to an alarming extent. Some of the ratepayers find it impossible to meet the taxes, particularly the frontage tax against their property. I assure the electorate that I shall, with the assistance of the other members of the Council and citizens, endeavor to find some way out of our taxation difficulties that shall be just to the taxpayers as a whole. Failing to find some scheme that shall equitably meet the difficulty I shal favor requesting the Provincial Government to appoint a commission of experts that shall make recommendations to our city and to other municipalities similarly affected. The assessments in some parts of the city are today too high and inequitable. I favor a change in the system of arriving at comparative values of properties."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

"The growth of our city depends not only upon its favored location and natural attractiveness, but also upon the aggressive development of the resources of Vancouver Island, the linking up of our system of railways within the city and with the Mainland, particularly by way of Seymour Narrows, and to the establishing of industries within or near our own limits. To that end I favor assisting the Government in the early construction of the Johnson Street Bridge. Our contribution to the original cost and maintenance together with style and plans of the bridge must be made acceptable to our citizens. All parties to the undertaking failing to agree, I favor referring the whole question to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada for their determination. The Rock Bay Bridge is before the electors for their judgment and mandate. I favor the original site opposite the Rock Bay Hotel. The bridge on this site will not only cost less, but it will be less expensive to maintain."

FIRE INSURANCE

"The high state of efficiency of our Fire Department, together with our excellent water works system, should ensure us lower rates of fire insurance. I shall do my best with the local agents and their insurance companies to secure more favorable rates for our citizens."

PUBLIC WORKS

"On all public works that shall be undertaken this year, I favor day labor, giving our own citizens the full benefit of such work. I firmly believe in paying good wages and salaries, but must have adequate returns for the expenditures made. Efficiency should always be properly rewarded. With a view to the securing more efficient service in the various departments, I favor continuing the reorganization of the civic service."

WATER WORKS

"We have a very valuable asset in our Water Works System. I favor giving consumers the very lowest rates possible to assist them in beautifying their grounds and in developing our local industries. I shall do my best to secure more customers and thus increase our revenue."

MY RECORD

"I point with a certain degree of pride to my five years of continuous service to the city. I assisted in many of our largest undertakings. The Sooke Lake Water Works and the paving system, both projected before my incumbency, I helped to bring to a successful conclusion. I have endeavored to deal honestly and fairly with all citizens and undertakings. It became necessary to reduce expenditure, but economy with a due regard to efficiency was always my guide. As during the past five years, the whole of my time and thoughts are at your disposal. Should you favor me with your votes and elect me your mayor, I shall, as in the past, conduct myself as a true citizen and with due regard to my office."

Anticipating your vote and influence, I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours truly,
R. J. PORTER.

WIRELESS REPORT
(By Government Wireless)

8 p.m.

Point Grey—Overcast; S. E. light; 29.71; 36.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 29.64; 41; sea smooth.

Pachena—Cloudy; N.W. light; 29.65; 40; light swell.

Estevan—Cloudy; N.W. light; 29.48; 38; sea moderate. 6:10 p.m., spoke str. Tees at Hesquiat, northbound.

Alert Bay—Rain; calm; 29.46; 32; sea smooth. 3:30, p.m., passed out, str. Camosun, northgound.

Triangle—Overcast; N.E. light; 29.80; 36; sea moderate. 10:10 a.m., spoke str. Chelohsin entering Millbank Sound, southbound.

Dead Tree—Overcast; calm; 29.66; 27; sea smooth.

Ikeda—Cloudy; N.E.; 29.28; 36; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Snow; calm; 29.45; 33; dense seaward. 10:45 a.m., passed in, str. Prince George, northbound. 8 p.m., spoke str. Ravalli off Prince Rupert, anchored in snowstorm. 8:45 p.m., passed in, str. Prince John.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.—Arrived: Steamer Rose City, with steamer Klamath in tow, San Francisco. Sailed: Steamer La Primera, San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 3.—Arrived: Steamers Luz Blanca, Payta; City of Papete, Unga. Sailed: Str. San Jose, Panama Canal.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 3.—Arrived: Steamers Davenport, San Francisco; Wilmington, San Francisco; Panama Maru, Tacoma. Sailed: Steamers Humboldt, Alaska; Dolphin, Alaska; Senator, San Francisco; Panama Maru, Hongkong; Fulton, Vancouver, B.C.; Davenport, Tacoma; Morning Star, Vancouver, B.C.; Oleum, Tacoma.

VALDEZ, Alaska, Jan. 3.—Sailed: Str. Alameda, westbound.

SANTA ROSALIA, Cal., Jan. 2.—Arrived: Str. Providencia, Port Gamble.

ROCHE HARBOR, Wash., Jan. 3.—Arrived: Schr. Wm. G. Irwin, San Francisco.

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Jan. 2.—Arrived: Schr. Melrose, Honolulu, thence Dec. 12.

PORT LUDLOW, Wash., Jan. 3.—Arrived: Schr. Helene, Honolulu, thence Dec. 16.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 3.—Arrived: Str. Davenport, Seattle. Sailed: Str. Admiral Goodrich, San Francisco via Nanaimo, B.C.

STEAMSHIP HELD TO CARRY NEW STOCKS

Alaska Steamship Company's SS. Mariposa Will Be Rushed North With Supplies for Burned Town

The first news of the burning of the town of Valdez, Alaska, on January 2, was received in Seattle by officials of the Alaska Steamship Company, and S. Blum, president of the firm of S. Blum & Co., maintaining stores at Cordova and Valdez.

Mr. Blum immediately communicated with the Alaska Steamship Co., and it considerately postponed the sailing of the steamship Mariposa from Seattle until 9 o'clock last night. The vessel will be rushed north at top speed with stocks of supplies for the stricken port.

For the second time in eighteen months, the town of Valdez lies in ashes, and, according to dispatches published yesterday, incendiarism is suspected. The totoal loss is estimated at $300,000, making the fire loss for Valdez over $800,000 since July 15, 1915, the date of the first fire. Mr. Blum's firm was the heaviest loser, being estimated at $75,000.

PACIFIC BLACK COD WANTED IN EAST

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—It has been decided to beat the drums for the black cod of the Pacific coast, a truly "lucious" fish, cheaper than most fish, easy to transport to the markets of the Eastern States, guaranteed to be an accession to any man's table and to reduce the h. c. l.

The United States Bureau of Fisheries has determined to boom the black cod, just as it boomed successfully the tile fish of the Atlantic and is now booming the greyfish, born dogfish, of the Atlantic and Pacific. A vigorous campaign of publicity is to be launched in co-operation with the fishing interests of the Pacific Coast.

H. R. Tracy, head of a large fishing company of Tacoma, has been here to help the work along, and he and Representative Albert Johnson have been in consultation with Dr. Hugh M. Smith, commissioner of fisheries, and the big boom is about to start.

FREIGHTERS CHARTERED

Fast Mallory Steamers Will Operate in South American Trade

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Increased shipping facilities for the South American trade through the transfer by charter of the fast Mallory freighters Neches and Medina to the Lamport & Holt line, were announced today. The vessels have been employed in the cotton trade between this port and Galveston. The charter is for twelve months, it was announced, at $67,500 monthly for each ship.

Vessel Passing

The oil tanker Frank T. Buck, after discharging a cargo of oil at Vancouver, passed out to sea at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon bound for Port San Luis.

COLONIST SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive

Sado Maru, from Kobe	Jan. 4
Manila Maru, from Hongkong	Jan. 5
Inaba Maru, from Kobe	Jan. 9
Makura, from Sydney	Jan. 11
Empress of Russia, from Hongkong	Jan. 15
Tamba Maru, from Hongkong	Jan. 18
Protesilaus, from Hongkong	Jan. 20
Ormiston, from Glasgow	Jan. 20
Empress of Japan, from Hongkong	Jan. 31

Steamers to Sail

Yokohama Maru, for Hongkong	Jan. 5
Talthybius, for Hongkong	Jan. 5
Tacoma Maru, for Yokohama	Jan. 8
Sado Maru, for Kobe	Jan. 18
Inaba Maru, for Kobe	Jan. 19
Tamba Maru, for Hongkong	Jan. 28

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DRYDOCK COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT PETITION

Suggest to Hon. Robt. Rogers That Sir John Jackson, Ltd., Should Undertake Work—Complete Plant Is Now Here.

Following the decision of the Board of Trade to resume the agitation for the immediate construction of the proposed drydock at Esquimalt at an early date, particulars of which appeared in yesterday's Colonist, a committee of prominent and influential citizens of Esquimalt, who have been working toward that end recently, have drawn up a memorial which it is intended to circulate for signatures and afterwards forward to Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, urging the immediate carrying out of the scheme.

The committee in question has taken the name of The Esquimalt Graving Dock Committee, of which Mr. J. W. Phillips is the secretary, and the memorial which it is intended to submit to the Federal Minister of Public Works is now in the hands of the printer.

The document will, it is confidently felt, receive the signatures of all those to whom it is submitted. It clearly defines the purpose for which it is being circulated, and is self explanatory, and the general feeling is that with all public bodies working in harmony the desired result may be obtained.

The memorial reads as follows:

Esquimalt Graving Dock.

To the Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister Public Works, Dominion of Canada, Ontario.

The petition of the undersigned electors of the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:

Whereas: 1. On the 16th day of May, 1871, at the Court at Windsor Her Most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria thought fit to approve of certain terms and conditions for the admission of the Province of British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada, one of the terms of union being:

"9. The influence of the Dominion Government will be used to secure the continued maintenance of the Naval Station at Esquimalt." And another being:

"12. The Dominion Government shall guarantee the interest for ten years from the date of the completion of the works, at the rate of five per centum per annum, on such sum, not exceeding £100,000 sterling, as may be required for the construction of a first class Graving Dock at Esquimalt."

2. A graving dock was duly built and completed on or about the year 1881 capable of docking such ships as were at that time sailing the Pacific Ocean, and

3. Since that time ships have increased in magnitude, so that the graving docks completed in 1881 is no longer capable of docking the larger ships of today, and

4. During the last ten years a large number of ships which would have been repaired at Esquimalt had not our old graving dock been too small and antiquated, were obliged to go to ports in the United States for repairs, costing in some individual instances as much as $200,000, to the loss of the port of Esquimalt, and of the people of British Columbia, and

5. In the meaning of the terms of union the old dock can no longer be considered a first class graving dock, and

6. Two years have passed since the Dominion Government in the year 1914 selected Lang's Cove in Esquimalt as the site for a modern graving dock, and purchased a large acreage surrounding that waterfront as a location for buildings, machine shops, and factories as accessories to the graving dock, and

7. With the exception of the purchase of said real estate no further progress has been made toward the building of said graving dock, and

8. It is advisable, in order to keep faith with the terms of union, that work upon the actual construction of the graving dock should not be longer delayed, and

9. This is a most opportune time for commencing the work because of the fact that the firm of Sir John Jackson Limited has about completed the great breakwater at Victoria harbor, and is fully equipped with machinery on the spot to undertake the building of the new graving dock upon most favorable terms, and could complete said dock, if started shortly, in time to take care of the great shipping interests which will concentrate upon the Pacific after the war. Therefore,

10. Your petitioners humbly pray that the Dominion Government will at the coming session of Parliament place in the estimates a sufficient sum to warrant the ratification of a contract, and will enter into a contract, with Sir John Jackson Limited, or with some other reputable firm, to build and equip a first class graving dock with all of the modern accessories at Esquimalt as may be considered to be necessary to comply with the terms of union above referred to, said work to be started and well under way during the year 1917.



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U. S. Naval Collier Caesar Is Carrying Cargo for Syrians

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The naval collier Caesar, loaded with $200,000 worth of food and clothing for about 100,000 destitute and starving Syrians, experienced a six-day delay en route to Syria and now is due at Cadiz January 7, according to a report today to the state department. The cause of the delay was not given.

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LOST—Leather handbag containing money and key, between Catherine and Lampson Street. Please phone 844R. Reward.

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TO the Shareholders of the Victoria Labor Temple, Ltd.—Take notice that the ordinary general meeting of the company will be held in Room No. 3, Labor Hall, 1424 Government Street, Victoria, B. C., on Wednesday, the 10th day of January 1917, at 8 p. m., to receive the annual report of the directors, report of the auditor, with balance sheet, to consider a resolution to reduce the number of directors, the election of directors, the appointment of auditor, and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Christian Sivertz, secretary.

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MINES, farms, pulp propositions.

A By-Law

To raise $40,000 for the purpose of constructing a steel bascule swing or lift bridge across Victoria Harbor at Rock Bay, and repairing and strengthening the trestles and approaches of said Rock Bay bridge.

Whereas it is necessary to raise the sum of $40,000 for the purpose of constructing a steel bascule swing or lift bridge across Victoria Harbor at Rock Bay, and repairing and strengthening the trestles and approaches of said Rock Bay bridge;

And whereas it is expedient to make the principal of the said debt repayable in such yearly sums during the period of twenty (20) years as are shown in Section 3 of this By-Law, pursuant to Section 97, subsection 4 (c) of the Municipal Act;

And whereas the whole rateable land and improvements or real property of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria, according to the last revised Assessment Roll for the year 1916, was $87,943,650.80;

And whereas the total amount required to be raised annually by rate for paying the debt which will be created hereunder, and the interest thereon for twenty years according to law is shown in Section 3 of this By-Law;

And whereas this By-Law may not be altered or repealed except with the consent of the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council;

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria to borrow upon the credit of the said Corporation by way of the debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or persons, or body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same as a loan, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of $40,000 gross, currency or sterling money, at the rate of $4.86 2-3 to the one pound sterling, and to cause all such sums so raised or received to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Corporation for the purposes and with the object hereinbefore recited;

2. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Council to cause any number of debentures to be made, executed and issued for such sums as may be required, not exceeding, however, the sum of $40,000, either in currency or sterling money at the rate aforesaid, each of the said debentures being of an amount not less than $100, and all such debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the said Corporation and signed by the Mayor thereof. Such debentures shall be issued on the plan or of the class authorized by Section 97, subsection 4 (c) of the Municipal Act. (Known as the Serial Bond plan).

It shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Council in their discretion to alternately cause each of the said debentures to be made, executed and issued for an amount of £100 sterling, and one, if necessary, for a less sum in sterling money to complete the authorized issue.

3. The said debentures shall bear date of the 1st day of February, 1917, and shall be made payable in twenty years from said date, at such place, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be designated thereon, and shall be payable in twenty (20) annual instalments during the twenty years next after the time when the same are issued, and the respective amounts of principal and interest payable in each of such years shall be as follows:

Year—	Principal	Interest	Total
1	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 4,000.00
2	2,000.00	1,900.00	3,900.00
3	2,000.00	1,800.00	3,800.00
4	2,000.00	1,700.00	3,700.00
5	2,000.00	1,600.00	3,600.00
6	2,000.00	1,500.00	3,500.00
7	2,000.00	1,400.00	3,400.00
8	2,000.00	1,300.00	3,300.00
9	2,000.00	1,200.00	3,200.00
10	2,000.00	1,100.00	3,100.00
11	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
12	2,000.00	900.00	2,900.00
13	2,000.00	800.00	2,800.00
14	2,000.00	700.00	2,700.00
15	2,000.00	600.00	2,600.00
16	2,000.00	500.00	2,500.00
17	2,000.00	400.00	2,400.00
18	2,000.00	300.00	2,300.00
19	2,000.00	200.00	2,200.00
20	2,000.00	100.00	2,100.00
	$40,000.00	$21,000.00	$61,000.00

and said debentures shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest, and the signatures of the interest coupons may be either written, stamped, printed, lithographed or engraved.

4. The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half-yearly, on the 1st day of February and 1st day of August, at such places in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America as may be expressed in the debenture and coupon.

5. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Council to cause the said debentures and interest coupons, either or both, to be made payable at such place, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be desired.

6. It shall be lawful for the Mayor and Council of the said Corporation to dispose of the said debentures at a rate below par, and to authorize the Treasurer to pay out of the sums so raised by the sale of the said debentures all expenses connected with the preparation and engraving or lithographing of the debentures and coupons, or any discount or commission or other charges incidental to the sale of the said debentures, provided, however, that no such debentures shall be sold at a price which shall net the Corporation less than 95 cents on the dollar of par value, plus accrued interest.

7. If deemed advisable by the Mayor and Council there shall, in the said debentures, be reserved to the Corporation the right upon any future consolidation of the debenture indebtedness of the city to substitute debentures of such consolidation secured upon the credit of the city generally. Such consolidation debentures shall contain the like covenants, conditions and restrictions as are contained in the debentures issued in pursuance of this By-Law, and in each debenture issued hereunder a clause conditional for such substitution may be inserted.

8. For the purpose of raising annually the required sum for the payment of the interest on the said debentures during their currency, and for the payment of the said debentures as they respectively fall due, there shall be raised annually the sum shown in Section 3 of this By-Law, and said sums shall be raised annually by a rate sufficient therefor on all rateable land and improvements or real property in the City of Victoria during the continuance of the said debentures or any of them.

9. This By-Law shall, before the final passing thereof, receive the assent of the electors of the Corporation in the manner provided for in the Municipal Act, and shall take effect on the day of the registration hereof.

10. This By-Law may be cited as the "Rock Bay Bridge Loan By-Law, 1916."

Passed the Municipal Council this 26th day of December, A. D., 1916.

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-Law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken at the premises known as No. 646 Cormorant Street (north side), on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, that the poll will be kept open between the hours of 9 a. m. and 7 p. m., and that William W. Northcott has been appointed Returning Officer for the purpose of taking such vote.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., December 27, 1916.

TENDERS FOR STATIONERY

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 1917, for the supply of Stationery for the City Corporation. Specifications and samples may be seen at the office of the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed and marked on outside of envelope "Tenders for Stationery." Each tender must be accompanied by a marked cheque for 5 per cent of the amount of the tender, made payable to the City Treasurer. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. GALT,
City Purchasing Agent.

Mr. Chester F. Lee, representing Seattle people, is operating a placer claim on Crim Creek, a stream which flows into the Thompson river, a few miles below the town of Savona, in the Kamloops district.

City of Victoria

MUNICIPAL NOTICE

The Rock Bay Bridge Loan By-law, 1916.

I hereby give notice that such of the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria as are entitled to vote on a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality, are requested to attend at the polling place, known as 646 Cormorant Street (north side), in the City of Victoria, on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and to record their votes for or against the passage of the "Rock Bay Bridge Loan By-law, 1916," a copy of which by-law is published in the Victoria Daily Colonist and copies whereof are posted up at the City Hall, and in various other public places in the city, and at the Polling place.

And take notice that the said By-law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the vote polled in favor thereof be that of at least three-fifths of the persons who shall vote upon such by-law.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 30th day of December, 1916.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

CITY OF VICTORIA

Municipal Notice

MUNICIPAL ELECTION, 1917, FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, Douglas Street, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing three (3) persons to represent them as members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, from 9 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Pottery Building, 626 Pandora Street, in the said City, as follows: All voters from "A" to "Laz" inclusive, in Booth No. 1, and voters from "Le" to "Z" inclusive in Booth No. 2, in said Pottery Building at which time and place each Elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor will be entitled to cast his vote for three (3) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees; of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Any person being a British subject of the full age of Twenty-one years actually residing within the district and having been for the six months next preceding the date of nomination the Registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City School District of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge and being otherwise qualified to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District shall be eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee in such City School District.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 30th day of December, 1916.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

CITY OF VICTORIA

Municipal Notice

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, 1917

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria that I require the presence of the said electors in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, Douglas Street, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor and Aldermen.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidate shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open Thursday the 11th day of January, 1917, from 9 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m. in the manner following.

For the Office of Mayor—All voters from "A" to "Laz" inclusive, in Booth No. 1, in the building known as Nos. 1417 and 1419 Broad Street; and voters from "Le" to "Z" inclusive in Booth No. 2, in the building known as 1417 and 1419 Broad Street.

For the Office of Aldermen—In the building known as Nos. 1417 and 1419 Broad Street, as follows, viz.: Voters "A" to "D" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 1; Voters "E" to "Laz" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 2; Voters "Le" to "Q" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 3; and Voters "R" to "Z" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 4, of which every person is required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be any person who is a male British subject of the full age of Twenty-one years not disqualified under any law, and has for six months next preceding the Day of Nomination been the Registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of One Thousand Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who is otherwise duly qualified as a Municipal Voter.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Aldermen of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of Twenty-one years, and who are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the Day of Nomination the Registered Owners in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal Voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 30th day of December, 1916.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT
Returning Officer

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

COAL mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years, renewal for a further term of 21 years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, rescinded by Chap. 27 of 4-5, George V., assented to 12th June, 1914.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—83575.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt, on the eighth day of January 1917 at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places:

For Ward One, at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home;

For Ward Two, at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home;

For Ward Three, at the store on the corner of Arm and Craigflower Road;

Of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualification for Reeve shall be his be being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified as a voter.

The qualifications for a councillor shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the nomination, and who is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for a portion of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and who, during the remainder of said year, has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and who is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified as a voter.

Given under my hand at Esquimalt, B.C., the 30th day of December, 1916.

G. H. PULLEN,
Returning Officer.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing two persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidate shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places:

Ward One, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.
Ward Two, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.
Ward Three, at the Store on the corner of Arm Street and Craigflower Road, from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m., at which time and place each Elector, who is duly qualified to vote for Reeve, will be entitled to cast his vote for two candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for each Candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualification for School Trustee shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years actually residing within the district, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessments Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for a period of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified by this Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said school district, shall be eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee in such district municipality school district.

Given under my hand at Esquimalt, B. C., the 30th day of December, 1916.

G. H. PULLEN,
Returning Officer.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

Ward meetings will be held as under:

Ward 1.—Cedar Hill School, Friday, January 12.

Ward 2.—Boleskine Road, Tuesday, January 9.

Ward 3.—Gordon Head Hall, Monday, January 8.

Ward 4.—Colquitz Hall, Thursday, January 11.

Ward 5.—Royal Oak Hall, Tuesday, January 2.

Ward 6.—Temperance Hall, Thursday, January 4.

Ward 7.—Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, January 10.

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STOCK PRICES SHOW FURTHER ADVANCES

Strength and Activity Seen in General List—U. S. Steel Recovers Much of Loss—War Issues Also Firm.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The advance on the stock market which featured the opening of the New Year was continued today with a rise in quotations of all stocks, especially those popularly characterized as war and semi-war issues. Gains in these stocks, which embraced the better known equipments and munitions, shipping and petroleums, metal, leather, sugar and paper issues, as well as the motors, ranged from 2 to 9 points, with only slight recessions on profit-taking at the close.

Trading was broader than in the depressed periods of the preceding week. The rise was once more attributed to events of the last few days, which were interpreted as offering little hope for the success of peace.

To a very considerable extent the upward movement was helped by heavy short covering. Another factor was the change in Mexican affairs, this being most evident in the activity and strength of Mexican Petroleum and American Smelting.

United States Steel re-established its leadership at the outset, and led the list throughout, recording an extreme gain of 5⅝ points at 115. Dealings in Steel approximated 350,000 shares, or nearly 30 per cent. of the whole.

Taking today's maximum as a basis for comparisons, Steel has recovered more than one-half of its December losses, while some of the metals made even a better showing. The few variable and heavy features included General Motors, which made a sheer descent of 50 points on one sale of 700 shares.

Rails were relatively inactive, with more strength in the seasoned shares than in low-priced issues. This irregularity was again traceable to statements of November earnings, some showing marked recessions in net returns. Total sales of stocks were 1,160,000 shares.

Bonds, including internationals, were irregular on moderate offerings. Total sales, par value, $5,160,000. U. S. bonds were unchanged on call.

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Stocks—	High.	Low.	Close.
Alaska Gold	11½	11	11
Allis Chalmers	28½	27½	28⅛
Amn. Beet Sugar	97⅝	94½	97⅛
Amn. Sugar	113	110⅝	113
Amn. Can.	50½	48	50½
Amn. Car. Fdy.	69½	67	69⅛
Amn. Loco.	82¼	79¼	82¼
Amn. Smelt and Ref.	108½	105½	107⅝
Amn. Wool	46⅝	46	46⅝
Amn. Steel Fdy.	63	62½	63
Amn. Zinc	39⅝	38⅝	39
Anaconda Mining	84⅞	83⅛	84⅝
Agr. Chem.	..	..	90
Atchison	104⅝	104¼	104⅝
Atlantic Gulf	120⅞	118⅝	120⅞
Baldwin Loco.	62	59¼	62
Baltimore and Ohio	84¼	84⅛	84⅛
Bethlehem Steel	510	510	510
Butte Sup. Mining	48⅝	48½	48⅝
Canadian Pac.	164	163⅝	164
Central Leather	96½	93⅝	95½
Crucible Steel	66½	64¼	66½
Ches. and Ohio	65⅝	65	65⅝
Chic., Mil. and St. P.	91½	91⅛	91½
Con. Gas	132	131	132
Chino Copper	55⅝	55¼	55⅝
Chile Copper	25½	24⅞	25⅝
Corn Products	23⅛	22⅞	23⅛
Distillers Sec.	31½	30½	31½
Denver and R. G.	..	..	41
Erie	34⅝	33½	34¼
do 1st pfd.	48⅝	48⅝	48⅞
Gen. Electric	169¼	168⅛	169¼
Goodrich	61	59⅛	61
Great Nor. Ore.	37	36¼	37
Granby	90½	90½	90½
Great Nor. pfd.	118	117⅞	118
Hide and Leather	74	68¼	73½
Inspiration Cop.	59¾	58⅝	59⅝
Int. Nickel	42⅞	42	42⅞
Int. Mer. Marine	27⅞	25⅝	27⅝
do pfd.	88⅝	83½	88½
Interboro Transit	16½	16⅝	16½
Illinois Central	..	..	106½
Kennecott Cop.	46⅞	46	46½
Kansas City So.	25½	25½	25½
Lehigh Valley	79	78⅝	78⅝
Lack Steel	87⅝	85	87⅝
Maxwell Motors	54½	50⅛	54¼
Midvale Steel	64⅝	62⅝	64⅝
Mex. Petro.	102½	97	102⅝
Miami Copper	41½	40	41½
Missouri Pac.	15	15	15
Mo., Kas. and Tex.	11	10⅝	11
N. Y., N. H. and Hart.	52	51½	52
New York Cent.	102⅞	102⅛	102⅞
Norfolk and Western	135	135	135
Northern Pac.	110¼	109⅝	110
N. Y., Ont. and West.	29	29	29
Nevada Cons. Cop.	24½	24⅛	24½
N. Y. Airbrake	149	149	149
Pennsylvania R. R.	57	56⅝	56⅞
Pressed Steel Car	78	76	78
Reading	104¼	102⅝	103⅞
Ry. Steel Spring	52½	51⅝	52⅛
Ray. Cons. Mining	278⅝	26½	27⅝
Republic Steel	83¼	79	83⅛
Southern Pac.	97⅞	97⅝	97⅞
Southern Ry.	33⅛	32¼	32⅞
Studebaker Corp.	109¼	102½	109¼
Sloss Sheffield	70½	67	70¼
Third Ave Ry.	48⅞	..	..
The Texas Company	239	233½	239
Union Pacific	146⅞	146	146⅝
Utah Copper	105¼	103½	105¼
U. S. Rubber	65	62	64⅝
U. S. Steel	115	110⅛	115
do pfd	120	119⅛	120
Virginia Chem.	..	..	43¼
Western Union	95⅞	95⅝	95⅞
Wisconsin Cent.	53⅝	53⅝	53⅝
Wabash R. R.	15¼	15¼	15¼
Wabash R. R. 'A'	57¼	56⅞	57
Willys-Overland	37½	35⅝	37⅛
Westinghouse	54⅝	54⅝	54⅝
Lee. Rub.	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

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Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Ariz. Copperfields	⅛	⅝
Can. Copper	1⅝	1⅝
Crown Reserve	40	45
Em. Phone	9½	10
Goldfield	70	75
Hecla	7⅛	8
Hedley Gold	20	24
Hollinger	6½	7
Howe Sound	7⅞	8
Kerr Lake	4⅝	5
Emma Copper	1½	1⅝
Green Monster	2	2½
Jerome Verde	1¼	1⅝
Big Ledge	4	4½
Inspiration Needles	⅛	⅝
LaRose	57	60
Magma	40	42
Midvale	64½	65
Mines of Ama.	2	2½
Nipissing	8⅝	8⅝
Standard Lead	1	1⅛
Stewart	20	25
Submarine	28	28½
Success	45	50
Tonopah	5⅝	6
do Belm.	4⅝	4⅝
United Verge Ext.	38	39
Tonopah Exten.	4¼	4½
Mason Valley	5½	6

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

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Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Ames Holden	23½	23⅝
Bell Telephone	146	..
B. C. Fish	..	60
Brazilian T. and P.	46½	47
Canada Car	45½	46
do pfd	88½	89
Canada Cement	68⅛	69
do pfd	93	..
Can. Gen. Elec.	112⅛	..
Can. SS. Co.	37	37½
do pfd.	92½	93
Can. Loco.	56	..
Civic Power	81	81½
Detroit United Ry.	127	127¾
Dom. Bridge	167½	168
Dom. Steel Cor.	69½	70
Dom. Textile	80½	81
Laurentide	190½	191
Lake of Woods	130	..
Macdonald Co.	14½	15
Montreal Tramways	40½	41
Nova Scotia Steel	125½	126
Ogilvie Milling	140	..
Quebec Railway	34½	34⅝
Riordan	126½	127
Shawinigan	129¾	130
Smelters	34	34½
Spanish River	17½	18
Steel Co. of Canada	69	69½
do pfd	100	..
Toronto Ry.	78	..

One of the greatest of the Columbia Graphophone Company's record achievements is the recording of Tschaikowsky's "Overture Solennelle"—Parts 1 and 2. The Overture, descriptive of the year 1812 and celebrating the retreat from Moscow, is graphically played by the Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. The introductory to Part 1 is the impressive Largo—Russia's beautiful hymn, "God Preserve Thy People." Then follows a seemingly disconnected theme, descriptive of the disorder of the retreating army. Yet through the confusion of defeat the Marseillaise is heard intermingled with the horns, woodwinds and piccolos—symbolic of a valiant spirit uncrushed by physical defeat. The finale of Part 1 is a delightful Russian folk song. The Russians rejoice as Napoleon's army wends its gloomy way toward France. Part 2 of the Overture is a stupendous struggle between France's Marseillaise and Russia's National Anthem. The Anthem prevails and its triumph is acclaimed by Moscow's cathedral bells in a thrilling climax that reverberates and re reverberates upon the air—leaving the listener breathless—awed. The English Regimental Band has added a glowing chapter to its already resplendent musical history in this marvelous execution of Tschaikowsky's difficult "1812 Overture"

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TENDERS

Tenders are required for the erection of a Store and Post Office at James Island. Plans and specifications may be obtained from the Canadian Explosives, Ltd., Purchasing Department, Arcade Building. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders will be received up to January 18.

Separate tenders are required for the Plumbing, Heating, Electrical Work and Painting in connection with a Store and Post Office about to be erected at James Island. Plans and specifications may be obtained from the Canadian Explosives, Ltd., Purchasing Department, Arcade Building. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders will be received up to January 15.

A. H. ACKROYD.

TWO LINERS ARRIVE

O.S.K. and N.Y.K. Steamers Will Dock This Morning From the Far East

The O.S.K. liner Manila Maru, from the Orient, was reported passing the Cape at 12:15 p.m. yesterday and arrived at the quarantine station at 5 p.m., too late to secure pratique. She was therefore compelled to lay over at William Head until daybreak this morning and she will come on to the Outer Docks about 9 o'clock. The Manila is putting off nine steerage passengers at the quarantine station and she has one cabin passenger for Victoria. Her local cargo consists of 723 tons.

The N.Y. K. liner Sado Maru, also on her way here from the Orient, will reach William Head at 5 o'clock this morning and will follow close on the heels of the Manila Maru on her way to the Outer Wharf. The Sado has three passengers for Victoria and 420 tons of cargo to be discharged here. Both of these Japanese vessels are bringing large silk consignments, that of the Sado being valued at $2,000,000, while the Manila's 2,700 bales are worth approximately $1,600,000.

MARINE NOTES

The Japanese steamer Panama Maru, of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha line, sailed from Seattle yesterday for Hongkong, Manila and Japanese ports, passing directly out to sea without calling at this port. The vessel carried a 7,000-ton general cargo and twenty passengers.

The steamer Turret Crown, of the Griffiths fleet, has arrived at Everett from Anyox and is now loading lumber for Balboa for W. R. Grace & Co. The contract for 7,000,000 feet of lumber for the American Government held by the Grace concern will be closed with the departure of the Turret Crown and the Barge St. David, also a Griffiths vessel, about the middle of this month. The Turret Crown will tow the St. David south. Two other vessels have already left the Sound laden with lumber under the Grace contract.

The G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert, which is being overhauled by Yarrows Limited, will not leave the Esquimalt drydock for nearly three weeks. Her bottom has been damaged, and she will be given a general engine overhaul. Both propeller shafts have to be drawn and the stern-bushes re-wooded. The main engine-bearings have to be remetalled, and there is quite a lot of auxiliary work as well.

Transportation representatives are already visiting their different agencies with the idea of getting things in shape for the increased business which is expected in the immediate future. Yesterday Mr. Carl Taylor, traveling freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific at Seattle, and Mr. L. F. Jones, general agent for the Passenger Department of the New York Central Lines, also of Seattle, were in the city in this connection. They report business to be exceptionally good for this season of the year.

The Canadian-Australasian liner Makura, Capt. J. D. S. Phillips, is due to leave Honolulu tomorrow on her way to Victoria from Sydney and Auckland. She had only 48 passengers when she left Auckland, but this number will be greatly augmented at Honolulu. She is bringing a full cargo of freight from the Antipodes.

The steamer Rose City arrived at Portland yesterday with the steamer Klamath in tow. The Klamath is the vessel which lost her propeller during a gale while on her way from San Francisco to Portland.

The new uptown ticket offices of the C.P.R. in the Hotel Vancouver at Vancouver were opened on Tuesday for the first time, and Mr. W. S. Stewart, formerly with the local office in Victoria, who is in charge, received visits from many old friends during the day, according to word received here from the Mainland.

PUBLIC MARKET

Business was fairly good at the mid-week Public Market. The offerings of produce covered a wide range. The usual week-end market will be held on Saturday. Prices ruled at the following average figures:

Fruit—Cooking apples, 10 lbs., 25c; table apples, 7 lbs., 25c; pears, 6 lbs., 25c; Baldwins, Greenings, per box, No. 2, $1.00; Kings, per box, No. 2, $1.00, No. 1, $1.25.

Dairy Produce—Eggs, per dozen, 55c and 60c; butter, per lb., 50c; cream cheese, per lb., 20c; Gouda cheese, 40c.

Vegetables—Carrots, per lb., 1½c; turnips, per lb., 2c; white cabbage, per lb., 2c; savoy cabbage, per lb., 2c; parsnips, per lb., 2c; celery, per lb., 6c; spinach, per lb. 6c; Brussel sprouts, 3 lbs., 25c; head lettuce, 3 for 10c; leaf lettuce, 3 for 10c; sage, parsley, mint, thyme, bunch, 5c.

Meat—Lamb per lb., 25c to 30c; mutton, per lb., 12c to 20c; veal, per lb., 15c to 20c; beef, per lb., 10c to 15c; pork, per lb., 15c to 20c; chicken, per lb., 28c to 30c; fowl, per lb., 22c; duck, per lb., 30c; geese, per lb., 30c; turkey, per lb. 40c.

Fish—Cod, per lb., 12c; black bass, per lb., 10c; halibut, per lb., 17c; herring, per lb., 7c; Spring salmon per lb., 17c; soles, per lb., 10c; smelts, per lb., 12c; smoked black cod, 15c to 17c; kippers, per lb., 10c to 12c; Finnie cod, 12c; smoked salmon, 15c to 17c; bloaters, 10c crabs, each, 10c to 12c.

Metal Market

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Lead, $7.40 to $7.50; spelter quiet; spot, East St. Louis delivery, 9⅝c At London: Lead, £30 10s.; spelter, £50 10s. Copper dull; electrolytic, first, second and third quarters, $28 to $32.50, nominal. Iron steady and unchanged. Tin steady; spot, $42.50 to $43. At London: Spot copper, £133 10s.; futures, £129 10s.; electrolytic, £145; spot tin, £145; spot tin, £181 15s.; futures, £183 10s.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET

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Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
May	1.81⅛	1.86⅝	1.80⅝	1.86⅝
July	1.47⅞	1.52⅝	1.46⅛	1.52⅛
Sept.	1.36⅛	1.41⅝	1.36⅝	1.41⅛
Corn—				
May	.95¼	.99⅝	.94⅝	.99⅝
July	.94⅝	.99	.93⅝	.99
Oats—				
May	.55⅝	.57½	.55½	.58½
July	.52⅝	.56⅝	.52⅝	.55⅝

NEW YORK COTTON

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	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	17.81	17.81	17.22	17.25
March	17.65	17.66	17.47	17.52
May	17.92	17.92	17.68	17.76
July	17.92	17.96	17.76	17.81
Oct.	16.59	16.62	16.47	16.56

LADIES' COMMITTEE OF ORPHANAGE MEETS

Very Gratifying Reports Presented at the First Gathering in the New Year

The first meeting in the New Year of the ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphanage was held yesterday, Mrs. McTavish presiding and the following ladies attending: Mesdames McCulloch, W. R. Higgins, D. Miller, C. F. Todd, J. Langley, Hiscocks, Lewthwaite, Walker, W. Scowcroft, Huckel, W. Munsie, Hammond, Baird, Bradshaw and the Misses Gilbert and Braik.

The house committee, Mrs. C. F. Todd and Mrs. Wm. Munsie, presented an interesting report expressing the gratitude of all concerned for the loyal and generous support that has been accorded the home during the year. The closing exercises of the school had been attended and entire satisfaction was felt with the successful term's work. Special mention was made of the painstaking efforts of the teacher, Miss Hanna. Mrs. F. S. Barnard had provided an enjoyable treat, sending tickets for the matron and children to attend a performance of "Puss in Boots." The Christmas dinner had been donated by Masters Royden and Arthur Morris and Mrs. Wm. C. Todd, and each child was given a 50-cent piece.

The Christmas tree was held on Friday last and was the gift of Mr. Frank White. Mr. Wm. Spencer gave a generous supply of toys, so that no one was forgotten. Mr. Pollard had, with his usual kindness, arranged a musical programme of carols and recitations, which was much enjoyed by the visitors.

A special request is made for rugs or ends of carpets suitable for placing by the bedsides in the dormitories.

There are fifty-three children in the home, two boys having just been admitted; all are in excellent health. Under the motherly care of Miss Johnston, assisted by Miss Brown, the children are being well and carefully trained to face the future.

Votes of thanks were accorded Mrs. F. S. Barnard, Mrs. Wm. C. Todd, Mrs. White, Mrs. Dwyer, Mr. Will Spencer, and to all the numerous donors of the Christmas season.

A welcome was extended by the president to two new members on the committee, Mrs. Lewthwaite and Miss Braik.

Bills amounting to $327 were passed, Mrs. McCulloch and Mrs. J. Langley were appointed visitors, and after reading the appended donation list the meeting adjourned:

Cash—Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, $5; Miss S. Finlayson, $10; Mrs. Neame, $2.50; Mrs. A. T. Goward, $10; "The City," $25; Miss Laura Audain, $5; F. R. Stewart Co., employees, $35; Mr. Gonnason, $6; Mrs. Burt, $2.50; Mr. Geo. Mellor, $10; Mrs. J. H. Todd, $5; Mrs. Wm. C. Todd, $25; Mrs. J. W. Spencer, $10; Mrs. Lovell, $10; Pupils of Quadra Street School, $2.25; Mrs. James Dunsmuir, $100; Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E., $75; Mrs. Bradshaw, $2; Mr. Fitzherbert Bullen, $15; Mrs. Beasley, $5; Mrs. Carne, $2; Mrs. Shotbolt, $5; Marion Cameron, 50c.; Anonymous, $20; Mrs. Bolton, $5; Miss Gilbert, $5.

Other donors in kind were Miss Mary Spencer, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Burt, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Landsberg, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. W. S. Drewry, Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, Mrs. McTavish, Mr. Alex. Jack, Mrs. Munsie, St. Christopher's School, Mrs. F. S. Barnard, Mrs. Loewen, Mrs. Prior, Mr. P. Slade, Mr. Mara, Mr. F. R. Stewart, Mr. Borden, Miss L. Audain, Dr. and Mrs. More, Mrs. Teeze, Mrs. Scowcroft, Mrs. Wymer, Mr. Green, Mrs. McCulloch, Miss Kitty Campbell, Mrs. Ohlson, Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Pawson, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Norman Lee, Alderman Porter, Mrs. Andrews, Tighe & Wheeler, Mrs. Gonnason, Miss N. K. Wyles, Mrs. Burt, Miss Munsie, Mrs. Burton, crackers; Mrs. Hemming, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Ah Wong, Ministering Circle, King's Daughters; Mrs. and Miss McCulloch, Mr. King, Mrs. Huckel, Mr. Ledingham, Hollywood Sunday School, Mrs. Jack Rithet, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stewart, Marshall George, the B. Wilson Co., Ltd.; Mr. Jas. Dunsmuir, Liberal Association, Retail Merchants' Association, "Cloverdale," Mrs. Bridgeman, Mrs. Cameron, Mr. Jas. Simpson, Chapters of the I. O. D. E., Mrs. Haigler and Ladies of the Orange Benevolent Association.

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If your child coughs, snuffles and has caught cold or is feverish or has a sore throat give a good dose of "California Syrup of Figs," to evacuate the bowels, no difference what other treatment is given.

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WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

WINNIPEG, Jan. 3.—Wheat closed 5⅝c higher for May and 6⅞c higher for July. Oats gained 2½c, barley was up 4½c, and flax closed ¼c lower.

The local close was very strong with our prices near the high points of the day. Wheat up ten cents in two days calls for strong markets. The second day's session of 1917 displayed an exceptionally firm undertone. Strong buying for the best account in the morning swung the wavering floor to the bull side, and wheat went steadily higher. Commission firms and Government interests were the principal buyers. There is a renewed outside interest appearing. The general tendency of the country buying after the holidays is being fulfilled this year as usual. In the cash market a better tone prevailed, though the trade was limited. Eastern buyers took some top grade wheat which showed 1c better premiums. Low grades were unchanged. Oats was also in good demand. Barley and flax were very dull. Offerings were light in all grains.

	Open	Close
Wheat—		
May	184⅛	189⅞
July	183	186⅛
Oats—		
May	60⅛	61⅞
Barley—		
May	103	105½
Flax—		
May	270	270

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 183⅝; 2 Nor., 180⅞; 3 Nor., 176⅞; No. 5, 142⅞; No. 6, 112⅞; feed, 94⅞.

Oats—2 C. W., 57⅞; 3 C. W., 55⅞; extra 1 feed, 55⅝; 1 feed, 53⅝; 2 feed, 52⅝.

Barley—No. 3, 99½; No. 4, 93¼; rejected, 73; feed, 73.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 259⅛; 2 C. W., 256½.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—The demand for butter is fair. Cheese is firm. Eggs fairly active with a good demand.

Cheese—Finest Westerns, 25; finest Easterns, 24.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 43 to 43½; seconds, 40 to 41.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 3.—A petition for charter of a $2,500,000 shipping corporation to be known as the Imperial Steamship Company, was filed with Georgia state officials here today by Charlton G. Ogburn, of Savannah. It is understood the concern will operate a steamer line between Savannah and Dutch ports.

The Great West Permanent Loan Company

DIVIDEND NO. 28

Notice Is Hereby Given that the Directors of the Great West Permanent Loan Company have declared the Twenty-eighth Half-yearly Dividend on the Fully-paid Capital Stock of the Company, being at the rate of eight per cent per annum. The same will be payable at the office of the Company, 616 View Street, on and after January 4th, 1917.

R. W. PERRY, Branch Manager. W. T. ALEXANDER, President.

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We beg to advise that the Directors of the Canada National Fire Insurance Company have declared a dividend on the paid up capital stock of the Company, being at the rate of six per cent per annum for the year ending December 31, 1916.

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ADVERTISEMENT

A public meeting under the auspices of the Civic Retrenchment Association will be held in the old Victoria Theatre on Thursday, the 4th of January.

The Chair will be taken by the President of the Association, Mr. F. J. O'Reilly, at 8 o'clock sharp, when Messrs. Porter and Todd, the Mayoralty candidates, who have signified their intentions to be present, will be requested to give their views upon the following questions:

Civic Retrenchment Association

1. In view of the fact that, according to the Comptroller's statement, the Civic Taxes are some $2,365,000 in arrears, by what means do you propose to overcome this deficiency?
2. Will you advocate having a new assessment of the city made on a basis of population? Many of the important cities of the continent are so assessed, and it would appear to be a reasonbale way. If not, what other basis would you suggest?
3. Would you advocate a city census being taken, so that an assessment upon the basis of population could be arrived at?
4. Will you advocate having balance sheets of the city's finances for the years 1913, '14, '15, '16 prepared by the Auditor and Comptroller, and published in the local press and submitted to some recognized authorities on civic finances, in order to arrive at a solution of the difficult position of the taxpayers?
5. What method do you propose to advocate in dealing with delinquent taxes?
6. Will you advocate the question of revising the Municipal Act so as to rehabilitate the status of property owners in the protection they are entitled to?
7. What expenses were incurred by the city this year in connection with the Union of Municipalities?
8. If elected, will you advocate that no amendment affecting the City of Victoria be proposed to the Legislative Assembly by the Union of Municipalities, without the knowledge of the ratepayers?
9. If elected as Mayor, will you pledge yourself to the strictest economy in municipal affairs, such as you would use in your own business?

All ratepayers and members of this Association are invited to be present.

MINING INDUSTRY

The Spokane Spokesman-Review quotes Mr. J. McKay as telling an interesting story concerning how Louis Johnson discovered a mine and developed it himself, despite the greatest transportation difficulties. The property in question is the Union mine, on the north fork of the Kettle River, B.C. "An extension of the Kettle Valley railroad was promised, but Johnson would not wait. When he had shot out sufficient ore to encourage the establishment of a payroll he hired a team and had the rock hauled to Grand Forks, a distance of 27 miles, for $12 to $15 a ton. Johnson has continued the process with such industry that as many as 100 head of horses have been engaged at one time in moving the product. At the same time long drifts have been run on the ore at a depth of 250 feet and fine stopes opened. A lower tunnel has been started in the direction of the ledge. Johnson has taken out $100,000, and he declined an offer of $350,000 for the property recently, I was told before leaving the field. Only four years have passed since he stuck a pick into the ground. There are several prospects of generous promise in the Kettle river valley. The content of the greater number is copper and gold only. The owners of these properties expect them to yield substantially when rail transportation has been provided. Production has been curtailed recently by the limitation of the Granby smelter, which has been affected by the shortage of coke. A resumption on the Pathfinder is expected as soon as the coke situation improves."

Mr. P. W. Clark, general manager of the mine, stated in an interview at Spokane that the concentrating mill of the Galena Farm mine at Silverton, B.C., has completed a year of operation. The plant has been operated to capacity throughout that period, and is saving 80 per cent of the lead on the tables and 80 per cent of the zinc by flotation. The lead concentrates have a content of 70 per cent and 80 ounces of silver to the ton; the zinc concentrates 47 per cent of that metal and 20 ounces of silver to the ton. Milling has been suspended until March 1 owing to a lack of water. The suspension has enabled Mr. King and John Bresnahan, the mine superintendent, to spend the holidays here. Development of the mine will proceed in the interim. "The feed we deliver to the mill contains 12 per cent lead and 18 per cent zinc," said Mr. Bresnahan. "These qualities are fairly representative of the body which has an average width of eight to nine feet and a width of 22 feet at one place. The shoot has been followed by drift for 300 feet at a depth of 100 feet. It is being mined through a tunnel that attains a depth of about 250 feet, where connection is made with the shaft. There is ore at both faces. An additional depth of about 700 feet can be attained by driving from a point near the lake."

The Hazelton Miner reports the arrival at that point of Mr. E. P. Spaulding, who is operating the Amargosa, on Rocher de Boule Mountain. He stated in an interview that the crosscut tunnel had been driven 160 feet, with about 200 feet to drive before the main vein is likely to be tapped. A drift on a cross vein has been run 100 feet, and small showings of good ore have been found.

It is costing the Granby company 10 cents per pound to produce its copper at Anyox. The new converter to be put in will cost $200,000, when copper costs will be materially reduced.

CANADIAN CLUB HEARS PROFESSOR SHORTT

Instructive Address Is Given on "The Canadian Outlook, National and Financial"—Economy Needed.

A very lucid and instructive address was given last night by Professor Adam Shortt, under the auspices of the Canadian Club, at the Girls' Central School. The assembly hall was comfortably filled by members and friends of the Club and the Women's Canadian Club and the University Women's Club were well represented.

Professor Shortt chose for his address "The Canadian Outlook, National and Financial." He began with a reference to the wonderful ability of England, from the earliest days, in developing not only her own energies and resources, but those of her numerous colonies as well. She had done this in the face of great difficulties, making her beneficial influence felt among the peoples of the different races and overcoming all obstacles that stood in the way of production and trade development and today the whole world was obliged to pay tribute to her for her economic ways.

It was only natural that the Professor should refer to the war, and in a brief review of the events he showed clearly how Germany had, from the time of Bismark, cunningly planned for the day when she should deliver the brutal stroke upon unsuspecting and unprepared Europe that would give her the mastery of the world.

A glowing tribute was paid to the staunch way in which the Allies withstood the onslaught and how the colonies rushed to the side of Mother England, offering freely of their men and their resources. A great deal had been done in this respect, but circumstances demanded that we should do more and the only efficient way in which this could be accomplished was through national service, which should be effected without delay in order that full use might be made of our resources.

Preparedness

As regard any future conflict in which Canada might be engaged, the speaker favored a system of preparedness entailing the maintenance during times of peace of only a small body of expert officers and enough men to form a nucleus aroung which could gather in case of war an army of capable men who could soon be trained for service. "The principle of militarism is that you must strike first and strike hard and then discuss the question afterward. That is the German idea," said the Professor.

It was owing to the fact that there was no such German militarism in the United States at the time war broke out that permitted of Canada leaving her borders unprotected while sending thousands upon thousands of men to fight overseas. It was unpreparedness that impressed every neutral country that Great Britain did not make this war and this fact was so plainly apparent to Italy that she saw through the German scheme and intrigue and consequently cast in her lot with England and her Allies on the side of justice.

Germany built up a great war machine under the pretence that on account of her having no natural barriers of defence, militarism was necessary as a protection against the countries by which she was surrounded. "There is one danger in this," said the speaker. "When you have men so trained from their youth up and their minds always running in that line, it is unreasonable to expect that they should not look forward to fighting."

Speaking on Canada's relation to the rest of the Empire on the completion of the war, Professor Shortt strongly favored the present system of sending the responsible head of our Government as a delegate, with like delegates from the other colonies, to Imperial conferences where matters of import to the several countries might be discussed and the best course to follow decided upon, after which the question would be referred to those interested for their final approval. He preferred co-operation on a free and independent basis through the medium of such conferences rather than the cast iron concessions which would be obtained through a minority representation in an Imperial parliament.

Colonial Freedom

History was quoted to show how the rigid adherence to Imperial laws as affecting colonial matters lost to the British Empire the American colonies. In short, the situation was summed up in that the head must allow the arms and legs room in which to stretch themselves. It is now many years since England has allowed her colonies that freedom which has served to cement the Empire in every way, and should we now decide on sending a few representatives to an Imperial parliament we would soon find ourselves in a hopeless minority. We would be so small that our voices would never be heard in our own interests and our welfare and freedom would be jeopardized.

"We must follow the normal historical lines that Great Britain has always followed, and it is the glory of the nation that there is nothing compulsory to hinder the outgrowth of the free British spirit. Every nation in former history has fallen on the basis of compulsion, but Britain is freer today then she ever was."

Professor Shortt then went on to show how in the '50's the cities of Eastern Canada had indulged the follies of land booms and the consequent direful results, just as the West has done. People left the country and crowded into the cities. Townsites were surveyed and the building of railways undertaken. Much money was borrowed and all of it was spent and the people were under the delusion that they were making this money and everyone went in for a good time. But when the interest on all his money had to be paid it was paid out of the next borrowings.

It was soon found that there were no agricultural producing districts and that the food supply was coming from across the border, with the result that wheat which sold in normal times for 75c and $1 went to $2 and stayed at that for some months, while it held at $1.50 for four years. Eggs, which were 9c and 10c a dozen before the boom, went to 5c each, or 60c a dozen, and everything else rose proportionately.

Naturally this condition of affairs led to a collapse and municipalities in Ontario got stranded and appealed to the Legislature to be taken over, just as South Vancouver is now doing. This all led to the melancholy story of the Municipal Loan Fund, and in '67 the Federation took them over, just as adversity always leads to union.

The consequence was that the credit of the Government of Old Canada went down and down and finally a small loan was negotiated at a high rate of interest for the purpose of putting the country on its feet. Drastic measures were necessary, however, and although many people lost large sums of money thereby, townsites were abolished and the land put to agricultural uses, modern machinery employed and thrift and economy exercised which finally developed into an era of well-founded prosperity. With production of all the food supplies that the country was capable of the high cost of living was reduced, and consequently it was possible to lower wages without lessening their purchasing power, thus permitting the development of industries which otherwise would not have been possible under the high prices demanded for land and the high wages and cost of materials which eliminated all chance of competition with neighboring districts.

Must Face Situation

Parallel conditions exist in this fair Province of British Columbia today. "How are you going to help your steel industry, your shipbuilding and other industries under the prices existing?" asked the speaker. "You must face the situation. That is what we had to do in Ontario and we are gradually re-establishing ourselves. Governments cannot be held to blame for such conditions, for it is the fault of the people themselves. It is the duty of the Government, however, to organize and assist in every way and it should not be used to force unnecessary things upon the people.

After this war Great Britain, the great money-lending agency upon whom the whole world relies, will be searching for fields for investment of her capital, and Canada must be prepared to meet competition and the world conditions, and she must be able to supply labor for her industries on a normal basis, and in order to do this she must produce what she is capable of producing and economize to meet the situation.

A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Mr. John Cochrane, vice-president of the Canadian Club, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, vice-president of the Women's Canadian Club, and carried amidst great applause. Mr. James Forman, vice-president of the Board of Trade, occupied the chair.

DISSATISFACTION IN WESTERN GERMANY

An Amsterdam despatch to The London Chronicle says:

"It is becoming increasingly difficult for the German Government to keep the masses at home under control, while at the same time it is striving to give the impression to the outside world that all is going smoothly within the frontiers. Such a glimpse into Western Germany as I was enabled to obtain today is therefore doubly interesting and enlightening.

"My informant is a German who has just reached Holland from Cologne, and who is now suffering severely owing to the sudden change from the scanty adulterated substitute foods of his native land to the rich viands of Holland. He declares that life in Cologne at present is unrecognizable from former conditions in this once gayest city of Western Germany. You must not do this or that, otherwise you are liable to preventive arrest; and once that happens, heaven help you! Nobody believes the promises made by the Minister of the Interior in regard to the recasting of the law dealing with preventive arrest.

"Regarding the new compulsory civilian work bill, my informant says that the great masses of working people regard its proposals with the deepest suspicion and mistrust, as being likely to cause them immediate financial and social injury. The bill in its present, which is probably also its final, form, contains no guarantees that workmen will be employed according to their capacity or will receive the same wages as before.

"So grave has become the dissatisfaction among workers in the industrial areas that frequent huge demonstrations are being held in Essen, Cologne, and other centres. Men are also demanding an immediate increase in wages to meet the high prices. Strikes are frequently and suddenly breaking out, indicating that in spite of all repression the workmen are beginning secretly to reorganize against the general severity of conditions.

"Cologne is now experiencing a great scarcity of potatoes, forcing the municipality to buy turnips and other roots to supply the deficiency. The authorities are showing deep anxiety over the question of feeding the people during the coming Winter, and there are indications that plans will shortly be published for wholesale compulsory municipal feeding. These plans have a double object, namely, to enable stocks of food to be controlled to the best possible advantage, and also to liberate an immense number of women from domestic work in order that they may devote themselves to labor of a direct national or military character.

"This combing out is expected to provide another 4,000,000 soldiers of one sort or another."

Moral Principles at Stake.

The country will not hear of peace except upon the terms which she laid down when she entered the war, and from which she has never even thought of departing. She is as determined to smash "Prussian militarism" as America was in the sixties to preserve the Union and to smash negro slavery. She believes that moral principles of the same order are at stake, and that the abandonment of these principles would be as fatal to her as a like abandonment would have been to the Union in 1862. —London Times.

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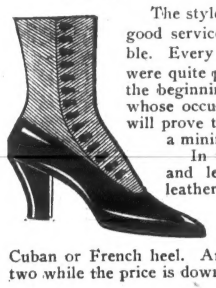
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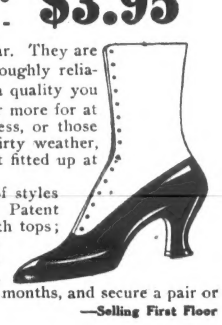
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